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THE FINANCIAL BILLS.

ACTION OF THE SENATE ON THE FREE-BANKING QUESTION—SPEECHES OF MR. PHELPS AND GEN. HAWLEY IN THE HOUSE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Senate did not reach a final vote to-day on the Finance bill, but the premise is again held out that to-morrow will see the end. The inflationists seemed to lose ground somewhat to-day, and their opponents hope there has been a turn in the tide, and that the bill may at last be defeated. This hope is most likely delusive. The inflationists, however, could not hold the Senate together to "sit out" the bill, though the leaders tried to prevent an adjournment. The most important vote to-day was on the proposition to make the State of Pennsylvania the one whose bank circulation should be taken as a basis of distribution, instead of New-York. On the basis of the notes now issued from Pennsylvania banks, the bank notes for the whole country would be increased $110,000,000. This, though much more conservative than the understanding last night, that Maine should be the basis, was beaten by one majority. This vote was too close to be significant, and if taken over again to-morrow might be reversed. It was the first vote, however, that has recently given any encouragement to those who are struggling against inflation. The feature of the day's debate was a speech from Senator Jones, of Nevada, who has not before spoken. He was drawn into the debate evidently without intention, and without especial preparation, but he showed such a thorough comprehension of and familiarity with the subject, a knowledge of the statistics and of the history of finance, a fund of humor and readiness at repartee, that the Senate and galleries were taken by surprise. He was often applauded, and at the close of his remarks received quite an ovation of congratulations. What was most important, he seemed to breathe some new life into the listless contest which stimulated the oft-defeated hard-money men. There is to-night just the faintest prospect that the Finance bill may be put in such shape, before the final vote is reached, that it may be defeated. The friends of specie resumption will make an effort to have the fourth section of the committee's bill reinstated in a modified form by providing for the withdrawal of legal tenders to the amount of, fifty per cent. of the additional national bank circulation, instead of seventy per cent., as provided in the section stricken out. Mr. Sherman, who is anxious to have some feature in the bill looking to specie payments, will try to have 1878 fixed as the time for resumption instead of 1876, as proposed at first by the committee.

THE FREE-BANKING BILL IN THE HOUSE.

The discussion on the Free-banking bill was resumed in the House to-day, and speeches were made by Mr. Phelps, of New-Jersey, and Gen. Hawley, of Connecticut, both hard-money men. Both speeches were effective and practical. Mr. Phelps took the highest moral ground against any form of repudiation. He showed that while the moral evils of a depreciated currency fall uniformly, the material ills are endured chiefly by the laborer, the mechanic, and the farmer. The capitalist has time to anticipate changes incident to a depreciated currency, and to prepare for them. The poor man must bear the burdens. As to the pending bill, Mr. Phelps declared that it was the result of a compromise of the conflicting views of the committee. As a whole, he accepted it. He believed that it was a step in the direction of specie payment. Gen. Hawley made a strong argument against any inflation. He traced the history of all the financial legislation, and of party pledges, and showed that the Republican Party and the Administration are forever pledged to the redemption of notes in coin. The assurances of Congress that the Legal Tender act was a temporary war measure, were of the most solemn character. The law expressly declared that no interest-bearing obligations of the Government should be paid, until greenbacks were convertible into coin, and Congress as late as February last, in a law which the inflationists have overlooked, declared that the standard unit of value in the United States should be 25 8-10 fine gold. Gen. Hawley denied the right to issue the reserves, and declared that this exercise of power was unconstitutional. He believed that the inflation measures were fraught with more disaster than the Kansas-Nebraska bills, and stated that he would support no man for any position who was not sound upon the question of the currency.

Mr. Rainey, Republican member from South Carolina, presented a counter petition to the petition of the South Carolina tax-payers, in which it was charged that the difficulties complained of were due to the action of the petitioners in resisting reconstruction.

HOWARD INQUIRY.

In the Howard Court to-day the testimony of the clerks in the Second Auditor's office was continued as to the manner of disbursing money under the Freedman's Bureau. Mr. Sims, the chief of one of the divisions in the Auditor's Office stated that he did not think Gen. Howard could have known or rectified the mistakes of other disbursing officers, for which he was held responsible. The Judge Advocate made an argument favoring a motion that he submitted, reading the opinions of the Third Auditor and Second Controller as part of his argument, wherein these officials decided that accounts could not be opened except when errors or fraud were shown, and even then it was customary to start supplementary accounts. The motion was to have several Commissioners appointed by the Department Commanders to visit the claimants who have made complaint and take testimony under oath, to be forwarded for the use of the court, this to be done in the 174 cases presented. Gen. Howard, by counsel, said that no man in any court could be condemned by the affidavit of a complainant. The motion of the Judge Advocate was then amended so as to take full testimony in each case. The court adjourned while the consideration of this motion was pending.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

CONDITION OF ADMIRAL PORTER.

Admiral Porter is much better to-day.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds will report a substitute for Mr. Garfield's bill covering into the Treasury all appropriations for public buildings not yet commenced. The substitute will provide that all past or prospective appropriations for public buildings shall remain available until the completion of the work for which they are appropriated, but will authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exercise his discretion as to the time of commencing or prosecuting any such work for the best interests of the public service.

THE COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

The House Committee on Patents to-day heard final arguments in the Atwood car-wheel case, being an application for an extension of that patent. The committee decided to report a bill allowing the Commissioner of Patents to hear and pass upon the application of W. H. Ward, of Kentucky, for an extension of his patent for bullet-molds, notwithstanding the time prescribed by law for making such application has expired.

DEPREDATIONS BY INDIANS.

The following has been received here:

HEAD-QUARTERS, FORT BLISS, TEXAS.
Assistant Adjutant General, Head-quarters Department of Texas, San Antonio:

SIR: I have the honor to state that citizens of San Elisario, about twenty-two miles from this post, report that a party of Indians, supposed to be from the Fort Stanton Reservation, visited that town about ten days ago, during the night, capturing six horses and killing two. The citizens also report that on the night of March 6 another party, also supposed to be Mescalero Apaches, from the Fort Stanton neighborhood, visited the town and stole horses numbering, in the conflicting accounts, from ten to twenty. An armed party of citizens of San Elisario trailed the stolen stock as far as Guadulupe Pass, without overtaking them. They delayed making any earlier report to me, knowing that there was no cavalry at this post available for scouting.

Very respectfully,
FRANK M. COX,
Captain Twenty-fifth Infantry, Commanding.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The House Committee on Agriculture to-day agreed to recommend the passage of the bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals in transportation by railroads, with an amendment providing that animals shall not be kept on cars without food and water longer than twenty-four hours, instead of a period of twenty-eight hours, as named in the original bill.

SPECIMENS OF NATIVE WOODS.

The committee also voted to report a bill for the collection of specimens of all native woods in the United States, to be placed in the museum of the Agricultural Department in Washington.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Lieut. Commander Edward A. Walker is detached from the Lancaster and ordered to return home; Lieut. Commander Fred. R. Smith is detached from ordnance duty at Key West, and ordered as executive officer of the Lancaster.

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

The public debt statement shows a reduction during March of $2,189,338.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day were as follows: Currency balance, $4,596,451; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $51,720,000; coin balance, $86,121,379, including coin certificates, $37,045,000; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000.

NEW-MEXICO.

The House Committee on Territories to-day had again under consideration Delegate Elkin's bill for the admission of New-Mexico as a State in the Union. No action was taken, but there is every indication that the committee will report the bill favorably.

CANADA.

EXCITEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS REGARDING RIEL.

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 1—3 o'clock P. M.—The lobbies of the Parliament House have been cleared, and it is expected that Riel will immediately take his seat. Great excitement prevails.

PROCEEDINGS IN HIS CASE.

OTTAWA, Canada, April 1.—Riel has not yet appeared, and the motion requiring his attendance will not be reached until some time to-night. The detectives are still watching for him. There is a great crowd of Orangemen and strangers in the gallery of the House.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.

OTTAWA, April 1—6 P. M.—The House has just adjourned till next Tuesday evening. Riel has been ordered to attend in his place on Wednesday.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 1.—In the Assembly, this afternoon, the Provincial Secretary laid on the table the financial returns, showing that the expenditure in the Province last year was $681,275 23; the balance at the commencement of the year was $38,916 41; the receipts, including subsidy, were $672,551 97; total, $711,468 38. Balance to the credit of the Province, $30,193 15. The Secretary also presented estimates for the current year.

ROWING CHALLENGE.

TORONTO, Ontario, April 1.—Henry Coulter, the celebrated American oarsman, now resident in this city, has issued a challenge to row any man on this continent a race of five miles on Toronto Bay, on the 20th of June next, for $1,000 a side. Negotiations are on foot to bring about a match between him and Brown, of Halifax.

THE ERIE STRIKE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SUSQUEHANNA, Penn., April 1.—As was anticipated in the dispatch sent last night, the complication between the Erie Railway machine-shop hands and the corporation was brought to a final issue this morning by a number of the old employes accepting the propositions as offered by the company. All the machinery in the works is now in full operation. As fast as possible the disabled locomotives are being put in running order. The men who have rejected the proposals of the corporation had a procession and meeting this morning. They passed a series of resolutions denouncing those who are working, determining to hold out to the last, and highly complimenting the journals that have censured the management of the company. The troops are being removed as rapidly as transportation can be furnished. The excitement has entirely disappeared, and business has resumed its usual channel. The tradesmen have lost considerable money by this struggle.

STRIKE IN A COTTON FACTORY.

BALTIMORE, April 1.—A strike occurred yesterday afternoon at the cotton factory of Gambrill & Sons, situated at Woodberry, Baltimore County. The entire number of operatives (375 men, women, and children) left work. They have been working twelve hours per day, and demand a reduction of time to ten hours, which the employers refuse to concede.

THE SACRAMENTO DEMOCRATS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Last night a convention of Old Line Democrats was held at Sacramento, at which resolutions were adopted denouncing the Administration; declaring the independent party of this State a failure, and advising Democrats who joined them to return to their allegiance and adhere to the party in future as the only hope of saving the country. The attendance was not very large.

SARATOGA ELECTION.

SARATOGA, N. Y., April 1.—In the charter election yesterday the Democrats elected Charles A. Allen, President of the village. The Republicans elected two out of three Trustees, both of whom are pledged to restrict liquor licenses. This is a Republican gain of one Trustee.

THE KENTUCKY LIBRARY DRAWING.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 1.—It has been ascertained that seven-tenths of the ticket which drew the capital prize in the Louisville Library Lottery is held in this city.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT—ELEVEN CARS DEMOLISHED.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., April 1.—A westward-bound freight-train on the Erie Railway ran into a train standing on the track, at Basket Station, sixty miles west of Port Jervis, last night. The engine and eleven cars of the freight-train were demolished and burned up. No person was seriously injured. The track was obstructed for about four hours.

BRIG RUN INTO.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., April 1.—The brig Gem, from Pernambuco, while at anchor in Hampton Roads last night, was run into by a brig and had her jib-boom carried away and sustained other, but not serious, damages.

ALBANY.

EXPEDITING BUSINESS IN THE SENATE.

THE FACTORY CHILDREN—THE MOORE-PINCKNEY CONTEST—MOORE ALLEGED TO BE A DESERTER FROM THE ARMY—THE SWINBURNE $90,000 PRESENT STRICKEN FROM THE SUPPLY BILL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, April 1, 1874.

With an industry and application that is highly commendable, the Senate continues to reduce the general order calendar by the rapid disposition of all local bills of an innocent nature. This morning's session was devoted for the greater part to the discussion of such measures, and much necessary but uninteresting business was transacted. Among the bills passed was the one in relation to the collection of arrears of personal taxes in the City of New-York.

FACTORY CHILDREN.

The bill for the protection of factory children was placed upon its final passage and lost. Upon motion of Senator King the bill was laid on the table for a reconsideration of the vote. Senator Lowery, who has been erroneously reported as against the bill, is warmly in favor of it, but wished it passed in a more perfect form than that in which it was originally introduced.

THE CONTESTED SEAT CASES.

At the request of Mr. Youmans, who contests the seat of Senator Thompson, the further hearing in his case has been postponed until July next. A motion to that effect, made by Senator Cole, brought Senator Johnson to his feet, and, as usual, the circle was convulsed with laughter by the peculiar style of oratory which is affected by that gentleman.

THE MOORE-PINCKNEY CASE.

In relation to the contest between Hugh H. Moore and Walter S. Pinckney for the seat of the Eighth District, Senator Booth this morning presented a memorial from Pinckney containing the startling allegation that Moore, being a deserter from the Army of the United States, was ineligible for the office of Senator, last Fall, and that therefore all votes cast for him were void. Moore being an enlisted man in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, New-York State Volunteers, in the service of the United States in the late war, did—so the petition claims—at or near Algiers, La., in the year 1863, desert from said regiment and from the service of the United States. He has not since availed himself of the advantage offered by the proclamation of the President of the United States, of the date of March 11, 1865, "but now is a deserter from the United States Army, and remains under the disabilities consequent upon such desertion, as provided and imposed by section 21 of an act of Congress amending several acts providing for the enrolling and calling out the national forces, approved March 31, 1865." By an agreement entered into by Messrs. Moore and Pinckney, the further hearing in the case has been adjourned until July 5.

THE CHAMBERS STREET RAILROAD BILL.

The bill providing for the construction of a horse railroad in Chambers street, New-York, was again considered in Committee of the Whole to-day. During the discussion of its merits Senator Ledwith, who opposed the measure, took occasion to threaten Senator Fox with the wrath of Tammany Hall should he continue his advocacy of it. The bill was progressed until this evening, when it was again taken up in Committee of the Whole. Senator Gross moved to amend the bill by providing that the Common Council shall have power to sell the franchise of this or any other street-car line in New-York City, and may also designate the route. This, which is substantially the same provision as that contained in a bill introduced some time ago by Senator Ledwith, was lost after a debate which afforded great amusement to the gallery, but was entirely out of place in the Senate. The bill was, amid great noise and confusion, ordered to a third reading.

THE SWINBURNE GRATUITY IN THE SUPPLY BILL KILLED.

By an overwhelming vote to-day the House effectually killed the Swinburne appropriation, and it is not likely it will be heard of again for this session at least. The matter came up on the third reading of the Supply bill, when Mr. Badger moved to recommit with instructions to strike out the appropriation. He urged that the law under which Dr. Swinburne was appointed expressly provided that the Health Officer should pay the expenses of all steam-boats. So far as the alleged equity of the claim was concerned, it was incumbent on the claimant to show that he had not been fully compensated for his services, and in that connection it was well to remember that Dr. Swinburne, when asked by the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the amount he had realized from his position, he had declined to answer. Mr. Batcheller said he believed the members who had voted for the appropriation in the Committee of the Whole had been actuated by feelings of good nature toward Dr. Swinburne, but he trusted that on further reflection they would see fit to reverse their previous action, and would insist that Dr. Swinburne be compelled to prove the justice of his claim. Mr. Lincoln said that although he had originally voted for the appropriation, he had, on more full consideration, come to regard the claim as doubtful, and he was convinced that its equity could not be established. He should, therefore, vote for Mr. Badger's motion. Messrs. Alvord, Weed, and others also spoke against the appropriation, and finally the motion to recommit to strike out prevailed by a vote of 108 to 8. This result the friends of the Republican Party in the State have cause to regard with satisfaction, as the item was regarded as the only doubtful one in the Supply bill.

HARD WORK.

The lower House to-day went to work with a will and passed a large number of bills. The majority of them were of a local character not calling for particular notice.

REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW-YORK CITY.

Bills are about to be introduced in the Assembly creating a new Metropolitan Police District for the City of New-York, and reorganizing the Commission of Charities and Correction, and the Departments of Docks and Public Works. The provisions of the bills legislate out of office the present heads of departments named.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

In Committee of the Whole, this evening, the Senate discussed the bill providing that the Board of Regents of the University shall have sole control of public instruction in the State, and giving the Regents the power to appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction. After a protracted debate, which was joined in by Senators Wood, Woodin, Ganson, and Jacobs, the bill was progressed. In accordance with the caucus held yesterday evening, it will receive the undivided support of the Republican Senators. It is made the special order for to-morrow morning.

EAST RIVER BRIDGE COMPANY.

Mayor Hunter, Controller Schroeder, Alderman Ripley Ropes, Gen. Slocum, and others of Brooklyn, had a hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Navigation, this afternoon, upon the bills in reference to the New-York and Brooklyn Bridge Company. They all advocated the passage of the bill providing for the appointment of fifteen Directors—five by the Mayor of New-York, five by the Mayor of Brooklyn, and five by the private stockholders—who, with the Mayors and Controllers of the two cities, shall constitute the Board of Directors, and authorizing the cities, upon the completion of the bridge, to pay the private stockholders the amount of their investment, with interest.

COST OF PROSECUTING THE RING THIEVES.

Senator Woodin reported two important bills, one to provide for the election of City Marshals in and for the City of New-York, and the other to make further provision for the audit and payment of claims and expenses mentioned in chapter 508 of the laws of 1872, being the expense of conducting civil and criminal suits and prosecutions growing out of the frauds upon the Treasury of the City and County of New-York, which were brought to light in the year 1871.

CONFIRMATION.

The Senate, in executive session, confirmed Abiah W. Palmer as manager of the Hudson River Hospital for the Insane.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES DECLINE TO DO BUSINESS IN PANAMA.

PANAMA, March 22.—The walls of the burnt houses of the late fire are still standing, with no appearance of anything being done either to rebuild or provide means to prevent such another calamity. The Imperial Fire Insurance and the North British and Mercantile Insurance Companies, of London, now have notified that they refuse to insure in Panama at any rates whatever. The Sun Fire Office and the Northern Assurance Company, also British, will take no risks over the amount of £50,000, and this at double former rates. The Scottish Imperial Insurance Company will take risks at double rates for the present.

COMMERCIAL ASPECT OF THE ISTHMUS.

The commercial aspect of the Isthmus does not look very flattering in another point of view. The North German Lloyds Steam-ship Company has decided to withdraw their fine line of steam-ships from the Isthmus and Bremen, giving as a reason that they can employ their steamers more profitably on their other routes. This is looked on as a sad blow to the progress of the Isthmus. Many hands are thrown out of employment, and there is not a merchant or resident near the line of the railroad, but will feel the effects of it. This company alleges that it did not find support sufficient to pay its expenses.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

Political matters are quiet in the State at present, and the announcement in the message of President Murillo that the National Government had decided to keep 200 troops always in Panama, with instructions to prevent revolutionary disturbances either at Panama or Colon, or at any part of the line, has given satisfaction. It is expected Congress will approve this and other measures to the same effect which have been initiated by the Executive power at Bogota. Mr. Scrugga, the United States Minister there, in an official correspondence with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, has been notified of the resolution taken on the subject of giving security to the transit by the Government.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

A Panama Club and Merchant's Exchange have been established in Panama.

The United States Steamer, Daranac, arrived here on the 15th inst., last from Acapulco, and remains here subject to the orders of the Inter-oceanic Canal Commission.

Her Britannic Majesty's Steam-ship Chameleon Commander A. J. Kennedy, and flying the pennant of Rear Admiral Cochrane, arrived here on the 6th inst., and dropped anchor at Taboga, where the Repulse, flagship, has been for some time past. The Chameleon being smaller, the Admiral made use of her to visit all the Central American ports.

The Indians of Darien, inhabiting the banks of the River Chucunoque, having refused to allow the Panama caoutchouc gatherers to collect that product on their territories, the Government sent some fifty soldiers under an officer to inquire into the matter. It seems on the 15th inst., they went up the river and were attacked by the Indians. From news just received, some sixteen of the soldiers were killed, and the expedition, it is feared, has failed.

CENTRAL AMERICA—THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

The impression is given by visitors and papers from the different States of Central America that the country in general had relapsed into a state of quietude. The campaign in Honduras being at an end, the troops had returned to their own States of Salvador and Guatemala.

In Honduras the Provisional Government in Comayaqua, under the Presidency of Don Poncram Leiva, continued in existence. A decree was issued [illegible] Governors to see that the elections for next President were carried on with full liberty and no interference.

It is reported and it is feared on good grounds that when Señor Arias capitulated to the forces of Salvador and Guatemala it was stipulated in the conditions that the Ex-President, with all his officers, should have their liberty, but that President Gonzalez, of Salvador, failed in his word, and they are still held prisoners.

NOTES FROM PERU.

The principal topic at present, (to the 13th inst.,) in Peru is with respect to the fact that the English man-of-war-Petrel had been dispatched to verify the quantity of guano which the Peruvian Government asserted had been discovered on the mainland of Peru. The report of what the Petrel had seen was not yet published. It is said that a Plenipotentiary has been accredited to the Peruvian Government from that of Buenos Ayres, on a special and confidential mission. It was thought that the mission in question was in some way connected with the threatened war between the Republics of the River Platte and Brazil.

The Peruvian Government has just entered into a contract with McDonald Cruikshank, the Agent of the Telegraph Maintenance Company, of London, to lay a cable between Panama and Payta; the Peruvian Government pledging itself to get the consent of the United States of Colombia, and a similar privilege for the enterprise to that to be enjoyed while running through Peruvian territory. After the contract had been signed it was discovered that, some weeks before, the Foreign Office in Peru had been informed that Colombia conceded the privilege desired, on condition that the cable should not only connect Panama and Payta, but should go out of its straight course and touch in at Buenaventura, another port in Colombia. Mr. Cruikshanks would have nothing more to do with the affair, and is here on his way home to report to his company.

An order has been issued opening the Lobos Islands for the shipment of the guano on them. The quality is considered good, but the difficulties of loading are great.

A great deal of irritation and bad feeling toward Chili has been caused by the announcement that the statue that is to represent the capital of Peru in one of the public parks of Santiago is in the form of a semi-nude woman, with a mirror in one hand and a bottle of perfume in the other, reclining in a lascivious manner and exposing her charms liberally to the gaze of the admirer. This is looked on as an official insult coming from the authorities of Santiago, and there is no saying what may come out of it if it is not withdrawn.

NOTES FROM CHILI.

The chief news from Chili to the 20th ult. is regarding the difficulty that has arisen between Chili and the Argentine Confederation about the possession of the Straits of Magellan. Lengthy and exciting notes have been exchanged on the subject. It it proposed to refer the matter to arbitration.

Don Adolfo Ibanez, it is said, will be appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington.

NOTES FROM BOLIVIA.

Señor Adolfo Ballevian, the President of Bolivia, died on the 14th ult., causing widespread regret all over the coast. In the present unfortunate political condition of that Republic there are few fitted by character and popularity to manage the helm of State, and it looks as though a fatality pursued that country.

DEATH OF A UNITED STATES CONSUL.

Rufus Mead, Esq., late United States Consul at Corinto, Nicaragua, died on board the steamer Honduras off San José de Guatemala, at 2:30 P. M., the 11th inst. He had been a sufferer from consumption for a good many years, and some weeks ago was attacked with inflammation of the stomach. He embarked on the 5th, and died as related, in spite of every attention given him on board. Capt. Dexter delivered his remains to the United State Consular Agent at San José de Guatemala. The interment was to take place on the 12th.

MASSACHUSETTS.

THE CONTEST FOR THE SENATORSHIP.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Wednesday, April 1.

The happy Republican love-feast of last night, and the social conference over the walnuts and the wine, accomplished nothing, and to-day's ballot, the eighth in joint convention, differed in no respect from that of yesterday. The men of the different factions repeat their determination to "stick," and an end to the dead-lock is not now looked for this week. After the one ballot to-day the convention adjourned until Friday, in the hope that its members may, by fasting or feasting to-morrow, the State annual Fast Day, and, at the same time, pondering on their duty, come up to the State-house the day after prepared to go honestly to work to find some way out of the difficulty; but few believe they will do so, and look for but little change, if any, in the situation until after another Sunday. The Republican banquet last night was arranged by the Dawes men, and was ingeniously managed. Mr. Phillips, of Salem, the member of the House who, in the last caucus of Republicans, created such a sensation and hurly-burly by openly denouncing the followers of Mr. Dawes, and proclaiming that Federal officers were lobbying for him, and that they crowded the corridors of the State House and intercepted members at every turn, was made the Chairman, and chosen to open the merry feast, and around the festive boards the Dawes men and the Hoar men were seated side by side that the work of making converts might be carried on with success.

It is not difficult to understand the reason of this apparently senseless dead-lock. It is not because the friends of Hoar are determined to vote for him and him only to the end of time, and that that sterling band of Democratic brothers are determined to vote for Curtis, and no other man, to the very crack of doom; but it is because of the presence of "Butlerism" in our State politics. The grim speech of General Butler haunts the members of the Legislature, and the men who are working away there for Hoar, or "anyone to beat Butler." Though denials have been repeatedly made of any league between Dawes and Butler the knowledge of the fact that he is supported by Butler men, and that the most zealous Butler fuglemen are toiling assiduously in his behalf, is sufficient to set him down in the public mind as the Butler candidate, and the opposition is arrayed against him for this very reason. But Dawes has among his supporters some of the bitterest opponents of Butler, and these are torn and harrassed by the statements they are unable to contradict, and by the company in which they find themselves. The friends of Hoar are understood to be ready at any moment to combine with anti-Butler Republicans, and a few with anti-Butler Democrats, if they can be assured that by so doing they can elect a sterling, honorable man, who can be depended upon in critical times. There are several staunch friends of the Judge who would at once transfer their suffrages to Charles Francis Adams, if they could see a way clear to elect him; but few at this stage of the contest are found to talk at all friendly to the selection of Gen. Banks as the compromise leader; and scarcely a half dozen, if a quarter dozen, of a union with the Democrats on Curtis.

Gen. Butler looks on the fight with complacency. It is one of the luckiest events that could have happened for him. Whichever way it turns it seems likely to benefit him. The friends of Dawes who are not Butler men declare that he must be elected to save the western part of the State to the Anti-Butler forces. The west has long been jealous of the east. It has not had a Senator for years, and it has not had many of the "spoils." It comes down to the State-house with angry cries. It growls at the "Boston clique," and swears that it shall not continue longer out in the cold. The east, it says, has promised the west too long to give it its turn "next time," and there must be an end to this business. Much stress is laid upon the promises last year, when their Dawes was set aside for Boutwell in the "interest of harmony and peace," and the course of Boutwell in the Simmons war is quoted derisively against the easterners' judgment and want of tact. So you see how Butler gains whichever way the fight goes. If Dawes is defeated, the west will have a serious grievance against the east, and Butler will use it for his advancement; if Dawes is elected, the east will be divided by the cry of another Butler victory, and the doughty General, the indefatigable claimant, will make capital from the divisions thus caused. Those who are striving to prevent a Republican division are earnestly beating about for that compromise candidate on which Republicans can be made to unite, and still Butlerism be avoided. This is the secret of the talk of Judge Colt, of Pittsfield. He is a western man, a man of integrity and culture, a sterling Republican, and a man of parts, who would do credit to the State and the party. Washburn and Speaker Sanford are not so loudly talked of because of the feeling that they lack the necessary strength. Washburn is a western man, but he, though popular and above suspicion in every respect, is not felt to have the vigor and positiveness requisite for the occasion, and Sanford, though showing a strong following, is an eastern man. If the man for the occasion would but arise, or, better still, be brought to the surface by the strength of his eminent fitness!

The statement that Hoar has expressed his desire to have his friends, if it must be a contest between Dawes and Adams, throw their strength for Dawes, is not generally credited, though his strength with the President is known, and much is made of a report that the latter does not want to see an Adams in the United States Senate. Hoar and Dawes are strong friends personally, but Hoar is such an out-and-out enemy of Butler that he could not for a moment think of giving his political strength to one in the least tinged with Butlerism. The conduct of Judge Hoar during the contest is admirable. He has had no communication whatever with those who are working for him. Telegrams in large numbers have gone to him appealing to him to say just one word, to deny at least the statement that he is not in favor of Sumner's Civil Rights bill, which has been so positively made, but he deigns not a single reply, and those who work for him and deny for him do so on their own responsibility. His course is quoted in sharp contrast to that of Dawes, who has been sending ambiguous telegrams and proclamations, that if he is to be slain he desires to be slain in the open field; but it will not make for him more ballots than he now polls. So look for a compromise, a bad one probably, a good one possibly, out of this unfortunate and dangerous dilemma.

There are reports from substantial sources that steps are about to be taken looking to the selection of committees of conference on the part of the friends of Dawes and Hoar, in order to bring about, if possible, some understanding looking to a settlement of the question. This measure is regarded by many as a wise step, and by others it is looked upon as certain to be useless. In this connection it is reported that several gentlemen who are now candidates, or who are likely to become such in case both Hoar and Dawes are withdrawn, have been consulted in reference to the effect of the appointment of conference committees, and they have replied that so far as the action of such committees should affect either House or both, such action should be binding, but that any other conclusions which the committees might bring forward, such as an effort to select another candidate, would not be justifiable. It is admitted by both the Dawes and the Hoar men that no little difficulty will be experienced in agreeing on conference committees. The talk of Judge Ball as a compromise candidate is stronger to-night than heretofore, and it is asserted that some substantial movement will be made in his behalf when next the convention assembles.

THE BALLOT.

BOSTON, Mass., April 1.—The eighth ballot for United States Senator was taken to-day, with the following result: Whole number of votes, 270; necessary to a choice, 136; Dawes, 95; Hoar, 74; Curtis, 75; Adams, 15; Banks, 6; Pierce, 2. Messrs. Washburn, Whittier and Wendell Phillips received each one vote. The convention adjourned till Friday, to-morrow being Fast Day.

THE RHODE ISLAND ELECTION.

RE-ELECTION OF GOV. HOWARD AND THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES GENERALLY—THE LEGISLATURE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 1.—The State election took place to-day. There was no Democratic nomination for State officers, and the vote was very light. Henry Howard was re-elected Governor by a vote of 12,269 to 1,509 for Lyman Pierce, and 107 scattering. Charles C. Van Zandt was elected Lieutenant Governor, receiving 7,679 votes to 6,512 cast for William F. Sayles, Prohibition candidate. Joshua M. Addeman was re-elected Secretary of State, and Willard Sayles, Attorney General, with but little opposition. Samuel Clark was elected General Treasurer by a large majority over Henry Goff, Prohibition candidate.

The chief incident in the election centered in the choice of members of the Legislature, who will choose a United States Senator. The new Assembly is largely Republican, as usual, but the Senatorial question remains in doubt and probably cannot be definitely determined until a trial of the strength of the respective candidates is had in the General Assembly on the first Tuesday in June.

In this city, where the contest for Assemblymen was mainly between the friends of Gen. Burnside and the friends of all the other candidates, the result is very close, the friends of Burnside probably carrying most of the Assemblymen by majorities of from three upward, while for a Senator and four Representatives there is no choice.

The Democrats had formally decided to make no nominations, and the only regular tickets in the field were the Republicans and the Prohibitionist, and these were similar in nearly all the important offices. The State last year threw 13,442 votes, of which 9,656 were cast by the Republicans. The whole vote for President in 1872 was 18,994, of which Grant had 13,665. The two tickets this year were in detail as follows:

Office.	Republican.	Prohibition.
Governor	Henry Howard.	Henry Howard.
Lieut. Governor	Chas. C. Van Zandt.	Wm. F. Sayles.
Sec'y of State	Joshua M. Addeman.	Jos. M. Addeman.
Attor'y General	Willard Sayles	Willard Sayles.
Treasurer	Samuel Clark.	Henry Goff.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

SEVEN PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

A fire broke out at Millerstown, Butler County, Penn., at 1:30 yesterday morning, in the Central Hotel, by which seven persons were burned to death. The bodies have been recovered. The following is a list of the bodies found: Norah Carty, of Pleasantville; George Deet, a German; Capt. Oliver, an oil operator; Martin Phillips, and Sanford Acert, drillers, and one whose name could not be ascertained. Nellie McCarty jumped from a third story of the Central Hotel, and was badly injured, but is still alive. All the buildings on the east side of Main street, from Frederick's grocery and hardware store, including the Central and Harlem Houses, (the Opera-house,) Reed & Durant's hardware store, and Sink's Hotel and two other buildings south; on the west side of Main street, from Red Frank's shebang, north, including the Butler County Bank, the United Pipe Line's Office, the Express Office, the Millerstown Savings Bank, Waterman's grocery, up to Schneider's billiard-room; on Slippery Rock street, on the north side, from Frederick's boot and shoe store, and from Hook's dwelling on the south side of Slippery Rock street east to Puff's laundry, making sixty-nine buildings in all, were burned. More persons are thought to have been burned, but it is not yet known. The loss, as far as ascertained, amounts to $232,800, and the insurance to $54,350.

A special dispatch from Garden Grove to the *Hawkeye* states that the Decatur County (Iowa) Court-house was entirely destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary. All the records were destroyed, but the money in the Treasurer's Office, amounting to some $35,000, was saved.

A fire broke out in Ligron's Hotel, in the village of Rosendale, nine miles from Kingston, N. Y., last night, and half the place is said to be burned. The inhabitants were frantic, and telegraped to Kingston for assistance. The Mayor sent a steam-engine and hose. The fire was uncontrolled at last report.

The building owned by Dr. Kennedy, and occupied by the Lewiston Belt and Roll Company and the Bee-hive Spindle Works, at Lewiston, Me., took fire last evening, and the inside of the building was destroyed. Loss not known.

Messrs. Law & Frick's liquor store, on Battery street, San Francisco, was burned yesterday morning. The loss is about $50,000.

LOCAL FIRES.

At 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred on the top floor of the five-story brick building No. 71 Varick street, occupied by J. Sandman, dealer in hair goods; loss $2,500; insured in the Atlantic and Pacific Companies. The second and third floors are occupied by S. Rogerson; loss $100; no insurance. The first floor and basement are occupied by Goux's Fertilizing Company; loss $500; insured in the Merchants' Company. The building is owned by Wm. Eagle; loss $500. The fire was caused by the carelessness of an employe in making a fire.

Shortly before noon yesterday a fire broke out in the attic of the dwelling No. 54 Macdougal street, occupied by George Shears and John Bell. The loss of the former is $300; insured for $1,000 in the Adriatic Company. Bell's loss is $200; insured for $300. The fire extended to the roof of No. 52, owned and occupied by Mary Kingsley; damage $500. Both dwellings are fully insured.

THE LEWISTON AND AUBURN RAILROAD.

LEWISTON, Me., April 1.—The annual meeting of the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad was held to-day. The report of the Directors shows that a contract has been made with the Grand Trunk Railroad Company to complete the road, which has also been leased to that company, on the terms of the contract made when the construction of the road was undertaken. The Directors have issued $50,000 additional of bonds to complete the road, making the whole cost $4,500,000. The election of Directors was postponed to Friday.

LATES TNEWS BY CABLE.

MARINE DISASTERS.

HEAVY WEATHER—SEVERAL MEN WASHED OVERBOARD FROM A NEW-YORK BARK.

QUEENSTOWN, April 1.—The bark Credito, at this port, to-day, from New-York, experienced tempestuous weather on the voyage, and lost several men overboard, including her Captain.

LONDON, April 1.—The bark Manchester, which arrived here yesterday from Boston, suffered much damage on the voyage.

SPAIN.

FAILURE OF SERRANO'S MOVEMENT TO RELIEVE BILBOA ASSERTED BY THE CARLISTS.

BAYONNE, April 1.—The Carlists assert that the movement of Marshal Serrano against the Royalists before Bilboa, has entirely failed, and that there was no fighting between the 28th and 30th of March.

MADRID, April 1.—It is reported that the Carlist leader, Radica, was seriously wounded in one of the recent engagements before Bilboa.

GERMANY.

DEATH OF HANSEN, THE ASTRONOMER.

BERKIN, April 1.—Peter Andreas Hansen, the German astronomer, is dead.

AUSTRALIA.

ROCHEFORT ON THE WAY TO LONDON BY WAY OF CALIFORNIA.

LONDON, April 1.—A dispatch from Melbourne says Henri Rochefort and his party have started for London by way of California.

CUBA.

DINNER TO THE CHINESE COMMISSIONER.

HAVANA, April 1.—Chan Lan Pin, the Chinese Commissioner, who has come here to investigate the condition of the coolies, dined with the Captain General to-day.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, April 2—1 A. M.—Cloudy and rainy weather has prevailed over the Southern States east of the Mississippi, and continues on the South Atlantic coast. Rain and snow and sleet have fallen over the Middle Atlantic States and Pennsylvania, with brisk and high eas

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

NINETY-THREE. By VICTOR HUGO. Translated by FRANK LEE BENEDICT. 12mo, pp. 356. New-York: English edition, HARPER & BROTHERS; French Edition, A. BRENTANO, No. 33 Union Square.

The Messrs. Harper have with prompt enterprise given us an English version of Victor Hugo's last work, by an American translator. It will be welcomed by all the admirers of the prose writings of its distinguished author who do not read French with ease; and even among those who do not admire his prose style, among whom, it is fair to say in the beginning, we are, it will be sought and read, as it should be, even by them, for Hugo is one of the great names in literature.

In *Ninety-Three* we have probably the culmination of its author's career in prose fiction; certainly we find in it all his peculiar traits, whether of plot-contrivance, character-drawing, description, style, or moral purpose, in their most impressive, not to say their most extravagant, forms. It is sure to have a great success in France, for it is the "Frenchiest" piece of literary work that has been produced for a quarter of a century, at least. That vein of morbid and monstrously oppressive sentiment which, to our Gallic friends, seems exquisitely tender and sublimely exalted, but which to others seems extravagant and even ridiculous, flows through the book in a rich, resistless flood. That consciousness of producing an effect, which Frenchmen, and, it is even suspected, Frenchwomen, delight in, not only for themselves, but even in others, pervades the book from the first page to the last. The author shows it *incessamment*. He does not write a line without saying, in his manner of writing it: *Magnifique! Attendez, mes amis; c'est superbe! Voilà du sentiment! Quelle félicité du phrase! Quelle manière d'approfondir l'âme! Mais que voulez-vous! Je suis Victor Hugo—pire.* And it must be admitted that to a certain point he has reason; but it must also be declared that after a while this sort of thing becomes wearisome.

The story is peculiar among modern works of fiction. It is a novel without a hero, without a heroine; without love of man for woman, or of woman for man; without marriage or a substitute for it at beginning, middle, or end; with no minute analysis of character, or except, perhaps in one chapter, of society; and without any very manifest social, moral, or political purpose. It is in narrative form, a tragic episode in the great French revolution. And yet, too, it is hardly more narrative than dramatic, or rather melodramatic, in its spirit and its style and its very phraseology. No small part of it could be taken out bodily and spouted on the boards of the Bowery Theatre amid blue fire and terrific combats, to the intense delight of all the juvenile "assistance." And yet it is full of interest. The personages, notwithstanding their swaggering, self-conscious way, are real creatures of flesh and blood, and in word and act are terribly in earnest. But in body and soul and manner and words they are French, and remind us constantly of the distinction between French nature and human nature. With all which it is superfluous and perhaps foolish to find fault; for was not the book written by a Frenchman for Frenchmen? and are not all the personages French? What would we have? And as to love, although there is none between man and woman, there is the most exalted love for *La France*; for the King on one side and the Republic on the other; and love unto death on the part of a sort of clerical Brutus for his pupil, a young nobleman who has joined the revolutionists.

The story opens with the discovery, by the advanced guard of a regiment, of a woman with three little children, one at the breast, who were hidden in the underbrush of the wood of La Sandraie. Being supposed to be the enemy's scouts in concealment, they narrowly escaped being shot—the *vivandière* of the regiment discovering what they were just as the soldiers were about to fire. The woman is utterly friendless and destitute, the revolution having taken everything from her by fire or sword. Of course the children are adopted by the soldiers and become the children of the regiment. Upon their fate turns the catastrophe of the story. The next scene is on board a corvette in the British Channel. She is heavily armed, officered by the best men in the old royal French Navy, and is engaged in the perilous undertaking of landing upon the French coast a leader for the insurrection in La Vendée. This leader, who comes on board in disguise, is a Breton Prince, the Marquis De Lantenac. The peasants are devoted to him. He is a stern, implacable man and an able leader, and great hopes are placed upon his success. But the expedition is defeated by one of those accidents, the consequences of a little oversight, which sometimes have the greatest results, and to guard against the possibility of which is the object of the careful and minute supervision and super-supervision in armies and on vessels of war. A gale comes on. It would have been a trifling matter; but, owing to the neglect of the chief gunner, one of the carronades of the battery breaks loose on its carriage, and on the first plunge kills four men, recoils and cuts in two another, and, glancing off, strikes and unships another gun. The scene that follows is described with a vividness and graphic power in which Hugo has no living rival. He says of such an occurrence that it is perhaps the most formidable of ocean accidents, one than which nothing more formidable can happen to a vessel under full sail in the open sea; and this realistic relation of what he imagines as having taken place in this instance fully justifies his estimate of the terrible consequences of such an occurrence. The passage deserves particular notice, because it is at once the best and the most characteristic in the book.

"A gun that breaks its moorings becomes suddenly some indescribable supernatural beast. It is a machine which transforms itself into a monster. This mass turns upon its wheels, has the rapid movements of a billiard-ball; rolls with the rolling, pitches with the pitching; goes, comes, pauses, seems to meditate; resumes its course, rushes across the ship from end to end like an arrow, circles about, springs aside, evades, rears, breaks, kills, exterminates. It is a battering-ram which assaults a wall at its own caprice. Moreover, the battering-ram is metal, the wall wood. It is the irruption of matter into liberty. One might say that this eternal slave avenges itself. It seems as if the power of evil hidden in what we call inanimate objects finds a vent and bursts suddenly out. It has an air of having lost patience, of seeking some fierce, obscure retribution; nothing more implacable than this rage of the inanimate. The mad mass has the bounds of a panther, the weight of the elephant, the agility of the mouse, the obstinacy of the ox, the unexpectedness of the surge, the rapidity of lightning, the deafness of the tomb. It weighs ten thousand pounds, and it rebounds like a child's ball. Its flight is a wild whirl, abruptly cut at right angles. What is to be done? How to end this? A tempest ceases, a cyclone passes, a wind falls, a broken mast is replaced, a leak is stopped, a fire dies out; but how to control this enormous brute of bronze? In what way can one attack it?

"You can make a mastiff hear reason, astound a bull, fascinate a boa, frighten a tiger, soften a lion; but there is no resource with that monster, a cannon let loose. You cannot kill it—it is dead; at the same time it lives. It lives with a sinister life bestowed on it by Infinity."

So much by way of general description; but there is an actual conflict to be exhibited. The gunner, by whose neglect the gun broke loose, goes down upon the gun-deck with a bar and a rope to capture the totally depraved, inanimate monster. Then follows a passage in which the author rises at once to the height of his power, and almost to the verge of rational extravagance.

"The struggle began—struggle unheard of. The fragile matching itself against the invulnerable. The thing of flesh attacking the brute. On the one side blind force, on the other a soul. The whole passed in a half-light. It was like the sublime vision of a miracle.

"A soul—strange thing; but you would have said that the cannon had one also—a soul filled with rage and hatred. This blindness appeared to have eyes. The monster had the air of watching the man. There was—one might have fancied so at least—cunning in this mass. It also chose its moment. It became some gigantic insect of metal, having, or seeming to have, the will of a demon. Sometimes this colossal grasshopper would strike the low ceiling of the gun-deck, then fall back on its four wheels, like a tiger upon its four claws, and dart anew on the man. He—supple, agile, adroit—would glide away like a snake from the reach of these lightning-like movements. He avoided the encounters, but the blows which he escaped fell upon the vessel and continued the havoc."

Here we have Hugo's peculiar power, and what is, indeed, almost his only genuine power as a prose writer—an imagination that sees its own creations with the eye of Dante or of Scott, and the ability to picture as vividly as it is conceived—withal, however, an extravagance which approaches the grotesque, if not the ridiculous.

The Marquis, however, effects his landing alone, (having previously decorated the chief gunner for his gallantry, and immediately had him shot for his carelessness,) and becomes at once the leader of the insurrection in La Vendée. He defeats a revolutionary body of which the regiment with the adopted children is a part, orders all captives to be shot, including the mother of these children, which he carries off. The mother is left for dead, but is found by an old beggar, taken to his lair, and nursed into life, when she starts on a quest for her children. Against the Marquis and his peasants there takes the field a young revolutionary officer, who proves to be his own grandnephew, the Viscount De Gauvain. Uncle and nephew are equally implacable, and each announces to the other that if he can take him he will put him to death. Gradually the forces of the Republic prevail, the peasants scatter, and the Marquis is driven, with a few men, into the tower of La Torgue, a massive, ancient stronghold, the first possession of his family. Here his nephew besieges him; but, although his men are thousands, and his uncle's tens, such is the strength and the curious design of the old tower, that its little garrison are able to hold out and make a formidable defense. To this tower, the stern Marquis has carried the three infants; why, only a French romance writer can only divine. The assailants prevail in the end; foreseeing which end, one of the garrison contrives a way of setting the tower on fire, to burn up the children by way of revenge. The mother arrives, of course, just in time to see her babes in instant danger of being roasted alive before her eyes. Does that happen? No, of course. The Marquis, by a secret passage, escapes from the tower just as his enemies are about entering the last refuge to which he is driven, but seeing the place on fire, he returns to look after the children, goes into the burning room, brings them out, carries them down a ladder, and delivers them to their natural mother and their regimental father. Whereupon he is arrested by the clerical Brutus, whose name is Cimourdain, and who has been sent by Robespierre, Danton, and Marat, to watch Gauvain, lest he should not be bloody enough to meet the views of the Committee of Public Justice. Cimourdain, foreseeing that the tower must be taken, to make all sure, has sent for a guillotine to the nearest town where that engine of civilization is kept; intending, of course, to apply it to the Marquis De Lantenac immediately upon his capture. But Gauvain, having in him some humanity and chivalry with his gentle blood, is touched by his uncle's devoted heroism in the matter of the children, and, visiting him in his cell, manages to throw his own hooded cloak over him and to thrust him out of the door, remaining himself in his place. He is found, and is tried instantly by a court of three, of whom Cimourdain is one; and Cimourdain, who, be it remembered, loves him with a love passing the love of a woman, himself condemns him to death by the very guillotine which he had imported for the benefit of his uncle. The night before the day of doom, he visits his pupil and son of his soul in his cell, finds him asleep, wakes him by kissing his hand; and then they fall into a long-some discussion of the social and political effects of the revolution, and part without an allusion on either side to the event of the morrow. Cimourdain takes his place by the guillotine, to see that the execution is conducted *selon les regles;* and as the ax comes down upon Gauvain's neck, he snatches a pistol from his belt and blows out his own brains; the consequence being, as Hugo tells us in the sentence with which he has the felicity of finishing his book, that "those two souls, united still in that tragic death, soared away together, the shadow of the one mingled with the radiance of the other."

The author does not fail to treat us plentifully to those "*mots*," or brilliant and seemingly pregnant sayings, the striving after which is one of the worst faults of French writers. For example, the fact of the *vivandières* marching with the vanguard notwithstanding the danger is made the occasion of saying that "curiosity is one of the forms of feminine bravery." A glittering fallacy. Curiosity may be an impelling force to bravery; it can never be a form of it. And we are told of the babbling of infants—"these lispings are the echo of what the child said when he was an angel, and of what he will say when he enters eternity;" which is mere sublimated nonsense. When the children pluck blackberries, and prick their fingers, the moral is uttered: "There is always a pain attached to every pleasure." Very fine; only not true. So, having been told in a paragraph of a line that—

"The mother recognized her children!"

we have the following appeal to our reverence for the motherly instinct:

"She uttered a terrible cry. That cry of indescribable agony is only given to mothers. No sound is at once so savage and so touching. When a woman utters it, you seem to hear the yell of a she wolf; when the she wolf cries thus you seem to hear the voice of a woman."

It is possible that some people may like this, and even that some may believe it; but it is none the less false and absurd. Under such circumstances a mother would be much more likely to lose all power of utterance than to howl like a wolf, if, indeed, women ever become vocally wolfish. Again, during the discussion of the ends to be sought by revolution, with which Cimourdain and Gauvain enliven the latter's last evening upon earth, Cimourdain asks a question in regard to the new relations between man and woman, which, with the reply and the rejoinder, are as follows:

"'And the offspring? To whom do you consign them?'

"First to the father who engenders, then to the mother who gives birth, then to the master who rears, then to the city that civilizes, then to the country which is the mother supreme, then to humanity, who is the great ancestor.'

"'You do not speak of God?'

"Each of those degrees—father, mother, master, city, country, humanity—is one of the rungs in the ladder which leads to God.'

Cimourdain was silent."

And well he might be; for this fine-sounding talk, if taken to pieces, will be found to be the merest succession of nothings worked up into an empty climax. The effect of such writing upon the mind, if it has any effect, is like that of alcohol or opium upon the brain. It is mere mental debauchery.

The style in which this book is written is the most unnatural, affected, conscious—in short, the worst in which a book could be written by a man of genius. From beginning to end it is bombastic. There is the bombast of reserve; for instance, where the commander in La Vendée yields his command to the Marquis, saying: "These men are yours now. I was their leader. I mount in grade, for I become your soldier." And again Cimourdain, when asked if he travels alone in such a dangerous country, replies that he has an escort. "Where?" "My sabre and pistols." This is the worst sort of bragging. Then there is the bombast of antithesis. For instance, "There is one Himalaya and there is one Convention." "Alcibiades in appearance Socrates in speech; "In La Torgue were condensed fifteen hundred years—the middle age, vassalage, servitude—feudality; in the guillotine, one year—'93, and these twelve months made a counterpoise to those twelve centuries." The book is filled with antithetical absurdity, for example: "Serene yet savage;" "it was massive, yet frail;" "at once rash and skillful;" "haughty, familiar, elegant, savage." We might multiply such examples by the score. They remind us of a line in a burlesque imitation of Pope:

"Though low, genteel; though chaste, yet very free."

Such is the absurdity into which men of genius may be led by as trifling after epigrammatic point and sententious antithesis. Of similes extravagant to absurdity, Hugo gives us a full crop: such for instance as: "One might have said that giantess the tower had been wounded and was bleeding;" "Lautenac had struck him with the thunder-bolt of generosity." But we have shown plainly enough, we hope, that with all its vivid picturesque interest, Hugo's last book is written in the most vicious form of his vicious prose style; a style which has done more to injure that of younger French writers, and even to deteriorate the French language, than that of all other modern French writers together.

Of the translation we can speak generally with approbation. It is not, however, without idiomatic faults. For example: "*Vous avez raison,*" addressed to a baby at its mother's breast, does not mean "You have the right of it," although it would have that meaning addressed to a man. "Come citizeness," is harsh to us. It would have been better to leave the original word untranslated—*citoyenne.* "Flocks of milch cows" is not a good phrase. We have heard of droves or of herds of kine, but never of flocks. And to the question "Where are they?" it is not English to answer, "*To* la orgue." Again and again *poupets*, applied to children, is translated, "puppets," incorrectly; even "mannikins" would have been better; but *poupet*, so used, means merely doll, or baby. So again and again and again we have such a translation of *poing*, as in, "He hoisted himself with his *fists*, and "He hung thus suspended by his two *fists* over the abyss." Now, in English we cannot say that a man hangs by his fists or hoists himself by his fists. There are also a few very marked Americanisms, such, for instance, as "back of" for "behind," and "*will* I be spoken to by a Prince?" "*Will* I command the twelve as usual?" In both of these questions it is English to say, "*shall* I, &c." "*Will* I do thus and so," is a solecism committed by many Irishmen, some Scotchmen, and a few Americans. From New-England people and educated Southerners it is almost never heard. Notwithstanding some faults of this kind, however, the translation is truthful and spirited, and will enable the English reader to read Hugo's book almost as if the author himself had written it in English.

MEETING AT THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

A boisterous meeting of members of the New-York Produce Exchange was held yesterday afternoon, at which the question of adjourning over Good Friday was discussed, pursuant to a call made by the President in response to a petition of members. The attendance was very large. President Edson occupied the chair. After the Secretary had read the call for the meeting, Mr. A. E. Orr offered a resolution in favor of closing the Exchange for business transactions on Good Friday. A motion to decide the question by ballot on the following day was lost, and likewise a motion to amend the resolution to adjourn from Thursday until Monday. On motion the President appointed four tellers to give the result of the vote taken on the resolution of Mr. Orr, and three of the tellers reported the resolution adopted, the fourth claiming that the vote was against the question. The President decided that the resolution was adopted. Then followed an uproar which would have done credit to a lot of turbulent boys. Fun is fun perhaps at all times, and the Produce Exchange members are their own masters, and are in their own castle, at meetings; but many of the members have a feeling of regret that almost every meeting of the Exchange should be characterized by unbecoming and unparliamentary proceedings. After President Edson left the chair, a meeting was improvised to take another vote by some of the members who opposed the resolution, but it was a signal failure. An appeal from any violation of the rules of government is always in order, it is fair to suppose, and angry demonstrations always fall short of accomplishing any real good. The demonstration at the meeting yesterday will probably lead to the proposition for the adoption of a by-law requiring that questions of adjournment of the Exchange shall be decided by ballot, and not *viva voce.*

A PROSECUTION ARISING OUT OF VOCAL CRITICISM.

In the General Sessions, yesterday, before Judge Sutherland, Frederick Miller, a clerk at Nos. 86 and 88 Wooster street, and Wolf Von Schierbrand, a clerk in the office of the *Turf, Field, and Farm*, were placed on trial, charged with stabbing Louis Scharf. It appeared from the evidence that on the night of the 7th of March the accused, who are members of the Rheinish Singing Society, and their President, Mr. Scharf, met in the saloon No. 48 Orchard street. The prisoners, together with a friend, commenced to sing a song entitled "The Death of Andreas Hofer," written in praise of the Tyrolese hero who defended his country against the invasion of Napoleon I. Scharf, as President of the singing society, reprimanded the prisoner for singing such a song, intimating that it was never sung by any persons except those of common birth, and having expressed his opinion, left the saloon. Von Schierbrand followed him out, and demanded the reason why he had unfavorably criticised the song, whereupon a conflict ensued, in the course of which Scharf was testified to, received several stabs in the face and neck from Von Schierbrand, Miller holding him while the other committed the offense. The prisoners admitted that a quarrel had taken place between Von Schierbrand and Scharf, in consequence of the singing of the song, which, they said, being executed by a trio of singers instead of a quartet, as intended by the composer, had aroused the artistic ire of the complainant. They denied, however, that a knife had been used, and stated that Miller had only interfered to separate the combatants. The jury found both prisoners not guilty.

AID FOR THE BROOKLYN POOR.

Mayor Hunter makes the following report in reference to the funds received by him from the benefit matinée at the New Park Theatre:

RECEIPTS.

Cash received at matinée benefit given by Mr. A. R. Samuels, at the New Park Theatre, March 11, 1874, for the benefit of the poor of Brooklyn..$650

DISBURSEMENTS.

Home for Friendless Women and Children, No. 20 Concord street	$125
Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor	125
Capt. Kenny's Fourth Precinct	100
Capt. Campbell, Tenth Precinct	100
Children's Aid Society, No. 61 Popiar street	100
Eighth Ward Relief Association, John McIntyre, President	50
Mrs. Perry, No. 326 Schermerhorn street, by request of A. R. Samuels	50
Total	$650

THE DISORDERLY-HOUSE NUISANCE.

It was understood yesterday that the Grand Jury handed in a number of additional indictments against the keepers of disorderly houses in the Eighth and Fifteenth Wards; but the statement was denied by the officials in the District Attorney's Office. Mary Davis, one of the women indicted, pleaded guilty in the Court of General Sessions, and, on the understanding that she would immediately break up her establishment, Judge Sutherland suspended sentence. Fanny Riley, another of the parties arrested, gave bail in $1,000, and was released. Godfrey Schreiber, of Sixty-sixth street, between Second and Third avenues, became her bondsman.

CITY AND COUNTY TREASURY.

Controller Green reports the following disbursements and receipts of the Treasury yesterday: Claims paid—Number of warrants 50, amounting to $646,035 18. Pays roll—Number of warrants 340, amounting to $99,546 82; total number of warrants 390, amounting to $745,582. Receipts—From taxes of 1873 and interest, $12,917 79; from arrears of taxes, assessments, and interest, $18,477 64; from collection of assessments and interest, $4,744 53; from market rents, $650 25; from water rents, $226 90; from licenses, Mayor's Office, $102 25; from Court of Common Pleas, &c., $316 21; from fees and fines, District Courts, $74; total, $37,619 47.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION—April 1.

SENATE.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, presented sundry petitions of the East-side, West-side, and North-side Associations of New-York, asking increased appropriations for the removal of obstructions at Hell Gate, East River, all of which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

THE DOUGLAS COTTON CLAIM.

Mr. MERRIMON, from the Committee on Claims, reported a joint resolution allowing Robert M. and Stephen A. Douglas to have their cotton claim adjudicated by the Court of Claims. The report was agreed to.

WHITE EARTH EPISCOPAL MISSION.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM, of Connecticut, called up the House bill to secure to the Episcopal Board of Missions the land in the White Earth Indian Reservation in Minnesota, on which is situated that church and other buildings, and it was passed.

THE GOVERNMENT LANDS IN THE WALLABOUT.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, presented resolutions of the Brooklyn Common Council protesting against any alienation by the General Government, to any person or corporation other than the City of Brooklyn, of the lands lying in the Wallabout in that city. It was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

THE REDEMPTION AND FREE BANKING BILL.

The Senate, at the expiration of the morning hour, resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the redemption and reissue of United States notes and for free banking; the pending question being on the amendment of Mr. Gordon to that of Mr. Logan, which provides for the organization of national banking association in any State or Territory having a less proportion of national bank circulation than the State of Maine, and the issue of such currency on the basis of population and wealth until each State and Territory has an amount of such bank circulation equal to that of the State of Maine.

Mr. DAVIS, of West Virginia, moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Maine," and inserting in the place thereof "Pennsylvania." He said, according to a calculation which he had made, the additional circulation under Mr. Gordon's amendment would be about $220,000,000, but if his (Mr. Davis') amendment be adopted, the additional circulation would be $110,000,000. Based upon New-York, as proposed by the committee, it would be about $124,000,000.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, said upon the basis of Maine the additional circulation would be about $263,000,000; upon the basis of New-York $110,000,000, and upon the basis of Pennsylvania it would be over $110,000.

Mr. GORDON accepted the amendment proposed by Mr. Davis.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, said the people wanted more money, and the country would come to specie payment when it could. There was no use to talk about specie payment now. He had noticed in a leading New-York paper of yesterday that inflation means war; that inflation would be resisted by force of arms. Such statements were not more unreasonable than similar ones made on the floor of the Senate.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, said it was time to enter one energetic protest against the assumption of the expansionists that they were in the majority. Why were they in the majority? Because Massachusetts was unrepresented on this floor, one Senator being dead and the other at home, sick, and not paired; while those on that side had every one of their number absent paired.

Mr. LOGAN, of Illinois, said this debate, day after day, was a determination on the part of the minority to procrastinate; and he saw no use in going over the same arguments every day.

The amendment of Mr. Logan having been offered as a substitute for the third section of the committee's bill, and he having accepted the amendment of Mr. Gordon, also the amendment of Mr. Davis, which provides that the national bank circulation in those States and territories having less than their proportion shall be upon the basis of it, and that wealth, until each State and Territory has an amount of such bank circulation equal to that of Pennsylvania, leaving the section as reported by the committee, with the exception of substituting Pennsylvania for New-York, was rejected by yeas 25 to nays 36, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Boreman, Carpenter, Conover, Cooper, Davis, Dennis, Ferry of Michigan, Gordon, Harvey, Hitchcock, Lewis, Logan, Mitchell, Morton, Norwood, Oglesby, Patterson, Pease, Pratt, Ramsey, Robertson, Scott, Stockton, Spencer, Windom—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Anthony, Begy, Chandler, Conkling, Cragin, Fenton, Fleishhuysen, Goldthwaite, Hager, Hamlin of Indiana, Hamilton of Texas, Hamlin, Howe, Jones, McCreery, Merrimon, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Sargent, Saulsbury, Schurz, Sherman, Stewart, Thurman, Wadleigh, Windom—26.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, offered an amendment providing that the maximum limit of additional currency issued for circulation, shall be fixed at $40,000,000, and that the excess outstanding be withdrawn as early as practicable.

Mr. JONES, of Nevada, said it appeared to him as if it was the Middle and Southern States which lacked prosperity. In his State they produced nothing but gold and silver, and that gold and silver was given to those who brought goods there for it. It was good all over the world, and would remain in this country had it not been driven out by vicious legislation.

Mr. MORTON said the people of Nevada had refused to take the greenbacks which Congress had made a legal tender, and he would like to know what would have become of the country if the other States had followed the example of Nevada?

Mr. JONES said the rebellion would have been put down for $1,500,000,000 less than it did cost. The first move in putting down the rebellion was the manufacture of irredeemable paper money which demoralized the entire country, and allowed debtors to pay creditors from thirty to fifty per cent less than they owed. As a last resort, however, he would have issued this irredeemable paper money, and not at the very beginning. The loyal people of this country were almost afraid to investigate the manner in which the rebellion was suppressed. He believed it to be the duty of this Senate, the highest body in the land, to investigate this matter, because another rebellion might be raised, and a little investigation would show it might be put down at less cost than the former one, which cost double the amount it should have done. The Senate had voted to do nothing to pay this irredeemable paper money. He quoted from the census to show that farmers received less than any other class for their labor, and said the issue of more money would aggravate speculation, and the farmer next year would get less for his products. The last thing wanted in this country is banks, as they do but very little toward the production of wealth. The result of this irredeemable paper currency was to have the haunts and streets of the speculators covered all over with palatial residences, while farms were covered all over with blisters in the shape of mortgages. No nation could be strong and dishonest. This paper money measured nothing but the hopes and the confidence of the people.

Mr. MORTON inquired if there had not been gambling in California?

Mr. JONES—Not in stocks. We buy wheat when we think it valuable, and sell it when we think it more valuable. We have never called upon the United States Government to relieve the gambler from his liabilities and for the issue of more money. [Applause in the galleries.] He had no doubt there was more money enough in this country now for every legitimate enterprise. As long as it was easier to lounge at the sea-side and to live a life of ease than to labor, so long there would be a cry for more money. Gold had all the requisites as a measure of value. The human heart is set upon it and it will command the services of everybody. A piece of paper merely said: "The honor of this Government is pledged;" and the custodians of the Government refuse to take any steps to redeem it. This currency, instead of being the spade of the husbandman, was the dice-box of the gamblers. [Applause in the galleries, which was promptly checked by the President *pro tem.*] He hoped the Senate would pause before it put this country on the road to bankruptcy and ruin. He sympathized with the debtors of the West, but thought the superabundance of money got them into their present trouble, and would get them into more. He hoped the Senate would look to the integrity of the country, as no country could be prosperous which ignored the proposition that "honesty is the best policy." If money is so scarce in this country, why is it the people do not give more for it? Why is it the value of property here differs from that all over the world? He favored fixing the time for return to specie payment in January or July, 1876, and the people would put their houses in order for it by that time. Gold would not circulate in the South, where people own 2,000 or 3,000 acres of land, do nothing, and wonder why they have not more money. Property is inflated up to the highest pitch, and a man foolish enough to give the present price for it would not have money long. The only way to get money is by industry and labor. Gold does not respect persons nor previous condition of servitude.

The amendment of Mr. Morrill, fixing the volume of fractional currency at $40,000,000, was rejected—yeas 19, nays 30.

Mr. SHERMAN moved an amendment repealing portions of sections 31 and 32 of the National Currency act so as to require that national banks shall keep their lawful money reserve within their own vaults, forbidding them to keep their reserves elsewhere and providing that no national bank shall redeem its notes at any other place than over its own counter.

Mr. SHERMAN gave notice that he would offer other amendments, one of which would be to reinstate the second section of the bill in a modified form, so as to provide for a return to specie payment in 1877 or even 1878. Again, he would like to see the fourth section reinstated, modified by striking out "seventy" as the ratio of legal tenders to be retired and insert in lieu thereof "fifty."

Mr. LOGAN offered, as an amendment, the bill introduced in the House of Representatives a few days ago, by Mr. Merriam, requiring national banks to keep five per cent. of their circulation in the Treasury of the United States, to be used in redemption thereof, but subsequently withdrew it.

Mr. CHANDLER moved the Senate to adjourn.

Upon this motion the yeas and nays were called, and the motion was adopted—yeas 28, nays 25—and the Senate, at 5 o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTER MEMORIAL.

Mr. RAINEY, of South Carolina, presented counter statement and reply of the Republican Central Committee of South Carolina to the memorial of the tax-payers, so called. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The statement declares that the tax-payers have only themselves to blame in not aiding in the work of reconstruction, and that the allegations as to the increased expenditures of the State Government are incorrect, and the items given being wholly inaccurate, untrue, and skillfully selected to deceive. It professes to give the correct relative figures of expenditure for the years 1859–60 and 1872–73, among which are the following:

	For 1859-60.	For 1872-73.
Salaries	$81,000	$194,989
Free schools	75,000	300,000
Military academies	30,000	
Military contingencies	100,000	20,000
Jurors and constables	50,000	
Sundries	184,427	444,787
The footings up for 1859 and 1860 are		$815,231
The footings up for 1872 and 1873 are		1,184,874

It admits that the State debt has been increased between 1868 and 1872 from $5,000,000 to $16,000,000, but claims that $6,000,000 of the latter sum is illegal, and has been so pronounced by the Legislature, so that the valid debt is only $10,000,000, and of this sum it is claimed that the Republican Administration of the State is only responsible for $1,700,000, the other $3,300,000 being contracted to pay past due interest, to redeem bills of the banks of the State issued before the war, and to redeem bills receivable issued during the Democratic administration of Gov. Orr. As to legislative corruption, it declares that it is to be attributed as well to the Democrats as to the Republicans. As to the "tax-payers" who had signed the memorial to Congress, this statement characterizes them as prominent politicians of the old school, and the statement is signed by Samuel J. Lee, Chairman, and twenty-three others.

THE MENNONITES.

Mr. CLYMER, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to enable the Mennonites of Russia to effect permanent settlements on the public lands of the United States. The bill was made a special order for Wednesday next. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to sell to them such quantity of public lands, not mineral in character, and not otherwise appropriated or reserved, as they may require, at the minimum price, payable in five annual installments.

THE MINING ACT—SUTRO TUNNEL AND THE COMSTOCK LODE.

The House then took up and discussed in the morning hour the Senate bill supplemental to the Mining law of the 10th of May, 1872, the principal point of discussion being the effect of the proposed amendments on the Comstock Lode and the Sutro Tunnel. The discussion was a noisy and excited one, the California members—Messrs. Houghton, Page, and Luttrell—denouncing Mr. Negley's amendment as being offered in the interest of Sutro and the Bank of California. Mr. Negley resisting that view and defending Sutro from aspersions made against him. Finally, Mr. Page moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table, and the motion was rejected—yeas 94, nays 115.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

The House then took up the Currency bill.

Mr. PUELPS, of New-Jersey, spoke against the bill and against the inflation of the currency. He spoke, he said, for the interests of labor—labor in the field and labor in the shop. While the moral effect of a depreciated currency might permeate all classes, rich and poor alike, the pecuniary loss, the material suffering, fell on the poor man. The rich man, the merchant, in the infinite variety of investments, could protect himself. Wall street, Beacon street, and Chestnut street could take care of themselves, and throw off the burdens of a depreciated currency. But who could change them by alchemy into wealth. The poor man could not throw off a single burden. Therefore, it was that as a representative he should speak for the poor man. He spoke for his farmers, whose plows were rusting in their furrows, for 5,000 mechanics who darkened the streets of Paterson with their patient waiting; they had asked for bread and had got a stone—for money, and Congress had given them a rag.

Mr. HAWLEY, of Connecticut, (another member of the Banking Committee,) followed on the same side of the question. He argued that if the nation was pledged to anything it was pledged to the early resumption of specie payment. It was pledged to the redemption of the legal-tender currency, and that pledge should be kept. The action of the convention was the great political test as to favor of a speedy return to specie payments. He characterized as unconstitutional the forty-four million inflation. He declared that he could not vote for the pending bill. He knew that it had one good thing—the provision that was featured introduced by Mr. Phelps, providing for the monthly issue of $2,000,000 of gold notes as substitutes for an equal volume of legal-tender notes, redeemable in two years; so far the bill was good, for it planted a mustard-seed of resumption. It began to look to work with money by and by, but he was not satisfied with the general provisions of the bill. He was not satisfied with any bill which did not bear in mind the great primary duty of returning to the true standard of value. The practical redemption proposed in this bill he think seen on the line of the Pacific Railroad, but there they termed it "three-card monte." He would vote every dollar of mere paper money out of his town and out of his State before he would consent to ten cents of inflation, and he would even go to Rome to Congress which will arrive on Saturday or Sunday next, and soon new vegetables will be brought in considerable quantities to the City from Virginia, North Carolina, and Bermuda. The accounts from the Southern States indicate that the crop of vegetables will be a large one this year, but the news from Bermuda is not so encouraging. There was a scarcity of onions in the City last year, and Bermuda poured its stores into our lap, giving us more than we needed. It supplied us also liberally with potatoes and tomatoes at an early date, and the farmers of this country had much business as they could attend to, and realized handsome profits. The islands have been "vexed" this year by fierce winds, which have swept over the land with great force and fury. Vegetables, vines, and fruit-trees have been torn up and laid on the ground by the roots and destroyed. Bermuda farmers are, in consequence, greatly disheartened, and have anything but cheerful anticipations of pecuniary gains this season. A steamer arrived from the Islands the other day and brought a small quantity of new potatoes, tomatoes, cabbages, and a few crates of onions of last year's crop. The potatoes are held at from $10 to $12 per barrel, and the tomatoes at $2 50 to $3 per six-quart crate. A small lot of new cabbages were also received, but being no better than those of home growth it has been found impossible to obtain any higher prices for them. In a short time the steamers Albemarle and Ratteras, of the Old Dominion Line of steam-ships, will begin to ply regularly between New-York and Bermuda, bringing its agricultural products, and vegetables and fruits will also pour into the City in abundance from Charleston and Norfolk. Radishes and cucumbers from those ports have already made their début, but none but the most enthusiastic of epicures are willing to pay the high rates demanded for them.

So plentiful is this vegetable here at present that the market is glutted with it, and barrels can be bought for from fifty cents to $1. It is much esteemed in the South, and is preferred by many to cabbage. Why it should be such a drug in this market is to dealers an unanswerable conundrum. About 9,000 barrels arrived by the Old Dominion steamers last week, but the low prices obtained for it has checked shipments and the receipts are falling off. Green peas, the delight of epicures, are arriving by the Charleston steamers, but the cold weather prevailing has had an injurious effect upon their sale. The first lot, which arrived a few days ago, sold for $3 to $10 per bushel crate at wholesale, but it is difficult now to get more than $5 to $7 for such as are offered. Strawberries, which on their first appearance brought $7 per quart, fell in price to from $3 to $2 25, and can now be bought at retail in Washington Market for 75 cents to $1. A large lot of green peas and strawberries are expected by the Charleston steamer Georgia, which will arrive on Saturday or Sunday next, and soon new vegetables will be brought in considerable quantities to the City from Virginia, North Carolina, and Bermuda. The accounts from the Southern States indicate that the crop of vegetables will be a large one this year, but the news from Bermuda is not so encouraging. There was a scarcity of onions in the City last year, and Bermuda poured its stores into our lap, giving us more than we needed. It supplied us also liberally with potatoes and tomatoes at an early date, and the farmers of this country had much business as they could attend to, and realized handsome profits. The islands have been "vexed" this year by fierce winds, which have swept over the land with great force and fury. Vegetables, vines, and fruit-trees have been torn up and laid on the ground by the roots and destroyed. Bermuda farmers are, in consequence, greatly disheartened, and have anything but cheerful anticipations of pecuniary gains this season. A steamer arrived from the Islands the other day and brought a small quantity of new potatoes, tomatoes, cabbages, and a few crates of onions of last year's crop. The potatoes are held at from $10 to $12 per barrel, and the tomatoes at $2 50 to $3 per six-quart crate. A small lot of new cabbages were also received, but being no better than those of home growth it has been found impossible to obtain any higher prices for them. In a short time the steamers Albemarle and Ratteras, of the Old Dominion Line of steam-ships, will begin to ply regularly between New-York and Bermuda, bringing its agricultural products, and vegetables and fruits will also pour into the City in abundance from Charleston and Norfolk. Radishes and cucumbers from those ports have already made their début, but none but the most enthusiastic of epicures are willing to pay the high rates demanded for them.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Judge Sutherland presiding, District Attorney Rollins prosecuting, Frank Furtsch pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was sent to State Prison for one year....Michael Rupport, charged with stabbing John Rudolph Habb, in Allen street, on the night of the 2d of March, was found guilty and sent to State Prison for three years....Francis Hopkins and William Kelly pleaded guilty to burglary and were each sent to State Prison for two years....William Stanton and James C. Klein pleaded guilty to an attempt at larceny from the person, and were each sent to State Prison for two years and six months....William H. Somerville, of Brooklyn, convicted of forging the name of his employer, N. G. Jennings, to two checks, was sentenced to two years in State Prison. Charles Harris, alias Rosenthal, indicted for forging the name of W. J. Stokes to an order on which he obtained twenty-nine volumes of Scott's works, pleaded guilty, and was sent to State Prison for two years....Alfred Jacques, convicted of receiving stolen goods at the burglars' den in West Nineteenth street, was sent to the Penitentiary for six months, there

RING CONTRACT BROKEN.

MEETING OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION.

HIS CONTRACT WITH W. C. TRAPHAGEN TO RECOVER PROPERTY FOR THE CITY RESCINDED—A SHARP AND EXCITING DEBATE.

In accordance with a previous announcement the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund met yesterday to take action on the resolution presented at the previous session declaring the "pretended contract" with W. C. Traphagen void and of no effect. All the members of the board, consisting of Mayor Havemeyer, Controller Green, Chamberlain Lane, Recorder Hackett, and Alderman Van Schaick, were present. After approving the minutes of the last meeting, a communication was received from Mr. Traphagen, reciting that the agreement made with him was legal and binding on the City, and that the law on the matter was plain and easily understood. It did not allow or authorize a dissatisfied party to ignore, repudiate, or set aside a contract without the consent of his partner. On the contrary, the law recognized the rights and interests of both parties to an agreement made voluntarily and legally. The communication also stated that the agreement was calculated to and would advance the interests of the City by recovering property which the City should hold in its own right, and its title to which was passing away by adverse possession and lapse of time. The compensation—one-half the value of the property recovered—was not too much, when the trouble of searching titles, &c., was taken into consideration. Finally, the communication referred to the immense value of the land, which the writer says is held adversely to the City, and the necessity of taking steps to recover it.

When the letter was read the Controller said that his opinion on the subject had not changed since the last meeting. He regarded the pretended agreement as wasteful, improvident, and of the most extravagant character, and he desired to have it rescinded. The Controller then referred to the agreement, of which the following is a copy.

Whereas, At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held June 19, 1871, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, It is represented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that William C. Traphagen, Esq., of the City of New-York, is possessed of knowledge that and how some pieces, parcels, and rights of property of the Corporation of New-York, to which at present said corporation do not make claim; and

Whereas, The same is, however, claimed, and held by others adversely to the Corporation, and without legal title from it; and

Whereas, The said Commissioners are willing, without accomplishing injustice, to reduce to the possession of the Corporation, and make available all the said property; and,

Whereas, It is the duty of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as Trustees of City property, to maintain any and all legal title to the property of the said Corporation; and,

Whereas, The said William C. Traphagen is willing, upon certain conditions to be agreed upon, to give to the Commissioners information of facts, which will enable the Corporation aforesaid to obtain possession of the pieces, parcels, and rights of property above referred to, therefore,

Resolved, That Recorder Hackett and Controller Connolly be and they are hereby appointed a committee with power, and are directed to enter into and conclude a proper agreement with the said William C. Traphagen, and in such manner and form as to them shall seem best, for the purpose of securing to the said Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York the possession and enjoyment of the said pieces, parcels, and rights of property, which agreement shall embody a contingent (only) compensation to be paid to said William C. Traphagen, and whatever litigation shall become necessary shall be conducted by the Counsel to the Corporation in connection with said William C. Traphagen; and

Resolved, Also, That it is the duty of the Controller of the City of New-York to prevent encroachments on property belonging to the Corporation, and

Whereas, The Controller is willing, without accomplishing injustice, to reduce to the possession of the Corporation, and make available, the said property.

Now, in pursuance of such resolution aforesaid, and of the statement, made this [illegible] day of July, A. D. 1871, between the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York, through the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Controller of the City of New-York of the first part, and William C. Traphagen, of the said City, of the second part:

Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of $1 in hand paid by each of the parties to the other, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, as well as in consideration of the agreements hereinafter made between the parties—

The party of the first part agrees to pay to the party of the second part a sum of money equal to one-half of the value of each and all the pieces, parcels, and rights of property which they had granted, bargained, and sold through information given the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by him, the said party of the second part; and in the event of the recovery by the said party of possession, presents, that the value of each piece, parcel, or right of property, as soon as it shall come into the possession of the party of the first part, shall be paid, if possible by an agreement in writing, in duplicate between the parties, signed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the part of the party of the first part, and by the Commissioners of Accounts on his own behalf, one of the said duplicates to be retained by each of the parties hereto, and in case such agreement be to value be so executed, then the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty shall, within five days thereafter, pay to the party of the second part a sum equal to the one-half of the value thus fixed, which payment to be made through the Controller of the City of New-York on the party of the second part presenting to him the duplicate of the certificate of value signed as above provided.

And in case the said Commissioners, and the party of the second part, shall fail to agree upon a valuation of any piece, or parcel, or right of property, within twenty days after the party of the first part shall become possessed of such piece, or parcel, or right of property, then, and in that case, such piece, or parcel, or right of property, in regard to which there is such a failure, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, by the said Commissioners, within forty days after the expiration of the above twenty days, in which the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the second part are given to agree upon a valuation; and if, upon such sale, the party of the second part shall become the purchaser, then, and in such case, he shall be obliged to pay but one-half of the purchase money, and give a receipt to the party of the first part for the other one-half of the purchase money, and thereupon a proper conveyance of the piece, or parcel, or property shall at once be made to him by the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York.

But, if upon such sale, the party of the first part shall become the purchaser or bid the property in, then it shall, within five days after such sale, pay through the Controller of the City of New-York, to the said party of the second part, a sum equal to the one-half part of the net sum bid by it on such sale; and if a third party shall become the purchaser at such sale, then the said party of the first part shall pay to the party of the second part, within five days after the party of the first part receives the purchase price of said property, through the said Controller, pay to the party of the second part, on his receipt for the same, the net one-half of the sum bid by it on such sale; and if a third party shall become the purchaser at such sale, then the said party of the first part shall, within five days after it receives the purchase price of said property, through the said Controller, pay to the party of the second part, on his receipt for the same, the net one-half of the sum bid by it on such sale; and so as to each piece, parcel, or right of property in reference to which there is a failure by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the party of the second part to agree upon a valuation.

And the party of the first part further agrees to advance to the said party of the second part, all the money that it shall be necessary for him to disburse in maintaining and asserting the rights of the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York to the pieces, parcels, and rights of property referred to in the resolution of the Commissioners above recited, and it is further agreed that such money shall be disbursed under the direction of the Recorder of the City of New-York, and Controller aforesaid. And that all such money, or any part thereof, by the party of the first part, shall be returned to it by the party of the second part out of the proceeds of the first property redeemed to possession after such advance by the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York.

And the party of the first part agrees that whenever the party of the second part shall show the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York have rights in or to any piece, parcel or rights of property to which at present it does not make claim, and which is claimed and held by others adversely to it, and without any legal title from it, the party of the first part will immediately cause proceedings to be taken by the Counsel to the Corporation, in connection with the party of the second part, either by suit or otherwise, as to them (said Counsel and said party of the second part) shall seem best for the recovery thereof; and such proceedings shall not be discontinued or unnecessarily delayed, or compromised or settled without the consent of the party of the second part, nor shall any settlement be made of any such claim without the consent of the party of the second part.

And if, by joint agreement and concurrence of the respective parties of the first part and second part, there shall be any settlement of the claim of the party of the first part, in respect to the property aforesaid, or any part or parcel thereof with third parties, possessors of said property, or any part or parcel thereof, by the payment on the part of the latter of moneys, then the amount of moneys of such payment shall be equally divided between the parties of the first part and second part, upon the execution of quitclaim deeds by the party of the first part to the third parties in possession.

And the said party of the second part agrees to fully inform the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the interest of the party of the first part in and to the pieces, parcels, and rights of property in the above resolution referred to, and what they consist, where located, and how they arise.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

WM. C. TRAPHAGEN [L. s.]
JOHN K. HACKETT, [L. s.]
Recorder of the City of New-York.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, [L. s.]
Controller of the City of New-York.

Witness as to W. C. Traphagen, JAMES O'NEILL; C. P. LAWRENCE, as to all.

Controller Green moved to strike out the words in his resolution rescinding the contract, "and that notice be given of the action of the board to said Wm. C. Traphagen." He said his object was not to recognize the agreement in any shape.

Recorder Hackett.—The resolution says: "A pretended agreement," but the agreement is on our records. If it was a pretended agreement, why take steps to set it aside to-day? The Controller is not the legal adviser of this board, and it seems to me that he is not in a position to direct us as to the legal aspects of this matter. He has been educated in the law, and has practiced, but he cannot exercise the functions of the Corporation Counsel, who is the law-adviser of this and other bodies. Some of the Judges of the Supreme Court have given decisions contrary to the legal views of the Controller, and I think we should not be called upon to follow him in regard to this resolution. There no doubt that property worth a vast amount is held adversely to the City, and why should it not be recovered?

Controller Green—This is a question on which it is claimed that a large amount is to be saved for the tax-payers, but the pretended contract gives away half what it says belongs to the City. If there be property held as stated, then it is not the province of a private citizen to recover it and charge the City half its value for his trouble. The officers charged with the duty of attending to City property will attend to the business. They are the proper persons to do so, and they will of course see that it is done. It is perfectly monstrous to employ a private person to recover property and give him half its value, and I deny that this board has any right to do that. It is monstrous, nothing more nor less than monstrous, and I desire to have such a resolution rescinded. Mr. Traphagen has no status in this matter. We have read about the profits among officials of the United States Government, but this is nothing to it. I, for one, desire to have my name placed right on the record in regard to this.

Recorder Hackett.—The Corporation Counsel is the proper legal adviser of this board, and I repeat that we should not be led by the Controller in a matter which involves principles of law.

Alderman Van Schaick—I move that the resolution be referred to the Mayor, with power to consult with the Corporation Counsel, or any other counsel, as to our right to rescind this contract. I hope the board will not act hastily in this matter, but give it due consideration. If it can be done legally, I am in favor of setting the contract aside.

Chamberlain Lane—Proceedings, I believe, have been taken to recover property which was granted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. Now it strikes me that the Commissioners are nullifying their own action by giving authority to any one to recover property which they had granted. It is not creditable to give, as claimed, property illegally, and then employ a citizen to get it back and give him half its value.

Alderman Van Schaick—The whole matter should be carefully considered.

Mayor Havemeyer—As to the water grants granted by the Commissioners, I don't believe Mr. Traphagen or any one else can recover them.

Controller Green—It is true, as has been stated by the Recorder, that I am not the legal adviser of this board. It is also true that some of the Judges have decided in favor of paying claims which I contended were illegal, void, and fraudulent, but in some instances their decisions were reversed. I must take things as they come, and discharge my duty according to the best of my ability for the interests of this City. I do not mean nor do I intend to act as legal adviser of this board, or take the place of the Corporation Counsel. As to views of law, I have a right to them, but I do not desire to force them on others. In regard to this pretended agreement, it is a singular fact that the very first case which Mr. Traphagen fastens to under its provisions, is one in which the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund had made a grant a short time after the pretended contract had been made. The Recorder, who voted for the contract, subsequently rendered an opinion that the grant in dispute was illegal, although, I find in the minutes of 1870 that the Recorder was present when the water grant I referred to was made. I have in my hand the opinion of Recorder Hackett in relation to the grant. But we are all liable to error on matters of law.

Recorder Hackett—I have no recollection of the grant you refer to. As to my decision in the matter, it was after hearing the views of counsel on both sides.

Chamberlain Lane—I think we have no right to sell property and then pay a man half its value to get it back for us. I should be ashamed to sell goods and then offer a man fifty per cent. to get them back.

Alderman Van Schaick's motion to refer the matter was then put and lost, and the motion to strike out the words "that notice be given to the said W. C. Traphagen" was adopted.

The original resolution rescinding the contract was then passed, the Mayor, Chamberlain, and Controller voting in the affirmative, and Recorder Hackett in the negative.

Alderman Van Schaick said he voted in the negative as he desired to know the legal power of the board in the matter.

A resolution that no ferry franchises or leases shall be granted in future except on condition that the City shall receive two and one-half per cent. of the receipts was adopted.

The board then transacted some routine business, after which they adjourned.

TWO ITALIANS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

The trial of Pietro Steffani and Sargenti Paoli for the murder of Michael Harrold was resumed in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, yesterday, before Judge Brady. The prosecution was conducted by District Attorney Phelps, and the prisoners were defended by Messrs. Brooks and Denison. The prisoners are men in very moderate circumstances, and it is supposed that the expenses of their trial are defrayed by their countrymen. The full jury panel was obtained about 12 o'clock. In opening the case for the people, the District Attorney said that on the evening of the 21st November last the prisoners visited the lager-beer saloon No. 396 Broome street, kept by Michael Harrold, and picked a quarrel with a man named Gobert, who boarded there. The following Sunday evening, the 23d, the prisoners returned to the saloon, and Steffani evinced a disposition to renew the quarrel. Christina Harrold, the wife of the deceased, called out that there should be no quarreling, and her husband then ordered them to leave the saloon. The deceased went to the door to call an officer, but not finding one, re-entered and took hold of Steffani with the intention of ejecting him. Paoli, who was sitting down watching the proceeding, jumped up and assisted in the quarrel. Harrold was thrown down, and Steffani then stabbed him five times. They then ran away, followed for a short distance by Harrold, who then fell, and shortly afterward expired from loss of blood. Steffani was traced to his residence, in South Fifth avenue, by an officer, and arrested, with a number of Italians. He denied having a knife in his possession, but on being searched, one of large size, covered with blood, was found open in his pocket.

Christina Harrold, wife of the deceased, was examined, and substantiated the statement of the District Attorney relating to the affray. When the prisoners entered her saloon on the evening of the homicide they called for beer and wine, and then commenced to abuse Gobert, with whom previously they had a quarrel. Her husband interfered, and ordered the prisoners to leave. They refused, and he seized hold of Steffani to put him out, whereupon Paoli rushed on him, and they threw him down on his face. In this position he was held by Paoli while Steffani stabbed him in the back. Her husband followed them into the street, but was brought back in a few minutes, and died in her arms.

Peter Gobert narrated the circumstances of the case in a similar manner.

Officer Watson testified that he arrested the prisoners in South Fifth avenue shortly after the homicide. Paoli denied having any knife in his possession, but on being searched a long dirk knife, with blood upon it, was found upon him; his hands were bloody and there was blood upon his hand. Steffani was arrested at the same time, and his shirt and pants were covered with blood.

The testimony of Dr. Marsh, late Deputy Coroner, given at the inquest, was put in evidence. The doctor described the death of the deceased to hemorrhage, resulting from wounds inflicted with a knife. This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Brooks stated the case for the prisoners. He did not deny the killing, but claimed that the prosecution occurred during a sudden affray, incited by the deceased. They should consider in determining the issue that Harrold was a bold, powerful man; that he had exhibited, boastingly, a knife, which he said was poisoned; that he said he killed a man, and was afraid, therefore, a person to be afraid of. Harrold, he said, struck the first blow. He threw Paoli on the ground, and it was during the struggle the knife was used. He asserted that the facts which would be proved by the defense would show that the killing was not unjustifiable, and that the prisoners should be acquitted.

The prisoner Paoli, through an interpreter, stated that he knew Steffani in Paris during the late war, and was only three weeks in the country at the time of this homicide. On the evening in question he entered Harrold's saloon, and the quarrel originated as described by his counsel. After the personal altercation between Steffani and Gobert, Harrold struck Steffani four or five blows. Steffani said, "If I am not right, I will not come to your saloon again." When Steffani was struck, witness caught hold of Harrold and said, "Why do you fight for nothing?" Harrold threw him down and fell on him, and Steffani then struck Harrold several times. In answer to Mr. Phelps, he said he saw a knife in the hands of Steffani during the struggle.

Mrs. Antonio Dari testified that the prisoner Steffani carried a knife because he was on one occasion attacked and injured.

An offer to prove that the deceased was a man of violent character was excluded for the present, and the court adjourned.

INDICTED FOR RECEIVING STOLEN BONDS.

The Grand Jury have found two indictments for receiving stolen goods against William C. Brandon, the Broadway diamond broker, in whose possession it will be remembered stolen bonds to the value of some $50,000 or $60,000 were found. Mr. Brandon was brought to the District Attorney's office yesterday, and furnished bail in $1000 on the two indictments, Yates Ferguson, of No. 83 Clinton place, and James Kiernan, of No. 504 Atlantic street, Brooklyn, becoming his sureties.

HAMMERS IN MEDICAL PRACTICE.

A correspondent of the *Medical and Surgical Journal* says that when he was young blisters used to be raised with boiled hammers. That hammers can be effectually used in raising bruises is pretty well known, but the idea of boiling them and raising blisters with them, though an old idea will be a new one with the present generation. For many years they were used very effectively for pleurisy in certain parts of the country, and every old lady knew that nothing was equal to a hammer. Differences of opinion arose, however, over the question, whether the hammer should be a claw-hammer or not.

ITALIAN NOTES.

THE FAILURE OF THE CARNIVAL—MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

MILAN, Saturday, Feb. 28, 1874.

"Every dog has its end," and "Every dog has his day"—two old saws which the carnival season, just ended, very aptly illustrates. This country is awakening to the necessity of putting away childish things. The serfdom to priest and foreign rule which has cramped its resources and the minds of its people for so many centuries, is broken. The Italian of to-day feels he has a future. This people begin to look upon the festival of the carnival as the youth just verging on manhood looks upon the trifles that pleased him as a youth. Year by year they enter less into the spirit of this extravagant custom of their fathers. I have no doubt but that five or at most ten years, will see it entirely discontinued. Rome made an effort to keep up the old feast of folly, but it still fell short of the mad scene of fun and frolic so often described by travelers. At Florence it was a complete failure. On the morning of the first Corso notices were posted on the corners of the streets bearing these ominous words: "*Morte ai Signori*," and to enforce this alarming insinuation some stones were thrown, and ten carriage windows broken. This damped all carnevalesque ardor at the outset. There were no equipages *di gala*—a few drags and quiet carriages, and this was all. Not a ball was given at a single Italian house, except at Count Alfieri's. The Americans of the city set a worthy example to the laggard Florentines by giving some small parties and two large balls. Eighteen hundred and seventy-four marks the first instance in the history of Milan that the authorities have refused to vote a sum of money toward the pageant; nevertheless, the Milanese made the most of the occasion, in hopes of tempting strangers to the city, who would spend their money freely. Workmen were busy for days before the 19th erecting booths and all the paraphernalia of a large fair, to be held in the public gardens, the design Babylonic, and called *Il tempio Babilonese*. The attendants of the several drinking booths, amusements, stalls for merchandise, and, in fact, all the persons employed on the grounds were dressed in the costumes supposed to have been worn by that ancient people. I am sorry to say it was a grand fiasco, both as regards the show and the profits. The committee find themselves, after all their trouble, some thousands of francs out of pocket. The carnival lasts four days. The first and third days people are free to dress and do, each one at his or her own sweet or wild will. The second and fourth are confined to walking and a grand display of fine carriages and horses. Flowers and bonbons are thrown, but not the *Coriandoli*. This stuff, which is made of small sand pellets covered with lime, is very destructive to clothes. There was little or no spirit manifested until the third day. The weather could not have been more beautiful. Toward 3 o'clock P. M. the Corso (principal street) was one mass of people, carriages, maskers, and shows. The balconies and windows looking on the Corso were filled with gally-dressed people, many of whom were in costume, amusing themselves by throwing bouquets, bon-bons, and *Coriandoli* at each other and on the crowd below. Among the most conspicuous things gotten up for the occasion was the *Carro delle Lumache*, which, in plain English, means the "car of snails." This car was made to represent a large rock, about sixteen feet long, twelve broad, and twenty high, covered with moss, ferns, shells, and snails. It is drawn by eight horses in snail-colored trappings, and ridden by postillion snails. The snails were, of course, men dressed to represent these slimy creatures, and a more perfect imitation cannot be imagined. As they emerge from their shells these men throw bon-bons, bouquets, and *Coriandoli* to the ladies in the windows and on the balconies. There were many such extravagant exhibitions, mostly with some political or local meaning. For instance, there was a procession of one hundred men carrying their farming implements, followed by their wives and children, bearing in their arms their household gods. The procession was headed by a man who held aloft a rude banner with the inscription "*Genigravicen*." The whole party were singing songs of joy and hope. To understand this perfectly, I must tell you that the wise heads of Italy are getting greatly alarmed at the increasing rate of emigration. The papers teem with articles on the subject. In the Chamber of Deputies, last week, one member stated that 175,000 Italians had left the land of their birth during the year just ended to gain a livelihood in foreign lands. He said members of families who are in America are sending large sums of money for the purpose of enabling their relatives to join them, that many borrow money to defray their expenses, promising to pay ten per cent. for it, and return it in five months. He gave an instance of 147 persons belonging to the villages Corlets and Laurey, and having left for Lima, their passage, it is believed, paid by the Peruvian Government. Of course when the extremes of sense and nonsense are so well combined one enjoys a double feast. The Italians are very clever in portraying their wrongs and griefs, or political and local affairs, by these means, and by aid of pictorial illustrations; nor do they ever hesitate to use this talent when the occasion offers.

Although the sight on the Corso was by no means equal to the displays of ten or twenty years ago, still, to the eyes of a novice, it was a strange scene. Men, women, and even children dressed in all manner of ways and strange costumes, devices of every description, music everywhere, even to the ancient reed whereon the mythological Pan delighted to play, people gleefully pelting each other with costly bon-bons, and taking a wild delight in throwing quantities of the *Coriandoli* upon every one, regardless of sex, age, or station—it was indeed a mad scene. What must it have been in those times now gone forever! This gay carnival month has not been a favorable one for the prelates at the Vatican. A few days ago the death of Canon Stayi, Secretary of Cardinal Antonelli, was announced; then came that of the lately-appointed Cardinal Tarquini. To-day we hear of the serious illness of Cardinal Bernabo, whose life is now despaired of. Lastly, we are told that Cardinal Antonelli's malady has assumed a worse and more dangerous form. Notwithstanding this shadow that hangs over the home of the Popes, his Holiness continues to indulge in his customary good humor. To some of the Jesuits who called on him to officially deplore the loss of their brother, he said: "After all, his death only proves that Rome refuses to have anything to do with the *Tarquini*." The Pope went on to say, "How strange that Cardinal Di Angelis, who is always *infermo*, (sick,) never dies." *Fermo* is the residential seat of the Cardinal. The Pope continued: "Cardinal Tarquini is the one hundred and first Cardinal that I have buried, and now I am afraid my dreadful mission is over." Pio Nono, you perceive, is fond of his joke. Speaking of Cardinals reminds me that his Holiness will hold a consistory before Easter, when the following prelates will be raised to the rank of Cardinal: Monsignor Pacca, Maggiordomo of his Holiness; Monsignor Nina, Secretary of the Holy Inquisition; Monsignor Vitelleschi, Secretary of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars; Monsignor Giannelli, Secretary of the Council; Monsignor Bartolini, Secretary of the Ritos; Monsignor Manning, Archbishop of Westminster.

At Naples, on Thursday last, there died a most active and energetic officer belonging to the Police force, Delegate Luigi Furlai. He was buried on Friday, and was followed to the grave by a great number of people. His Holiness, the Cardinal Archbishop, thought fit to issue a circular to the different parish priests, enjoining them on no account "to accompany to the grave, nor to repeat the funeral service over this reprobate functionary of the Sardinian Government." Such acts as this are not at all uncommon, and are by no means likely to lessen the breach between the clericals and the Government. Certainly they will tend toward promoting Atheism, which has been making such rapid strides during the last few years.

Spring has fairly set in, and we are enjoying the most lovely weather, with every prospect of its continuing. After the cold and damp of December and January, the change is doubly grateful.

E. J.

RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY COLLECTOR VANDERWERKEN.

It was rumored early yesterday forenoon in Brooklyn that Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue Vanderwerken, whose trial in connection with John D. Sanborn and Supervisor Lucien Hawley, on charge of defrauding the Government in connection with the Sanborn contracts, terminated on Tuesday in an acquittal, had sent in his resignation to Collector Freeland to take effect immediately. The rumor occasioned a good deal of comment, and Mr. Vanderwerken was anxiously sought during the day. The rumor concerning Deputy Collector Vanderwerken proved to be true, that gentleman having confirmed it last evening and exhibited his resignation to a party of friends. Supervisor Hawley will it is stated on good authority, send in his resignation to-day.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONABLE HOUSES IN THE EIGHTH WARD—MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A stated meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday at their rooms, Elm and Grand streets. Mr. W. H. Neilson, President of the Board, occupied the chair. A communication was read from the pupils of Grammar-school No. 35, Thirteenth street, asking for permission to hold their annual reception outside the school building. Their chapel, they said, was too small for their own number, and, if the reception were held in the school building, they would be unable to do honor in a formal way to the three graduating classes. The Principal of the school and the Trustees supported the application. Mr. Farr thought that it would be a bad precedent to grant the required permission. There was no doubt that the pupils of School No. 35 and the parents were able to bear the expense of hiring the Academy of Music or Steinway Hall, or some other large building, but if School No. 24 wanted similar permission it would be quite unable to bear the expense. The board acceded to the request of the pupils. It was decided that the new school in St. Mark's place, Seventeenth Ward, shall be known as No. 23. A resolution was brought forward by Commissioner Baker, but was subsequently laid over, to the effect that the Committee on Salaries and Economy be authorized to modify the course of instruction now pursued in the public schools so as to exclude all branches of study not strictly embraced in what is known as an elementary education, and that instruction in language be confined exclusively to the knowledge of English, so as to Americanize our free schools, and remove the national prejudices and the growing expenses, which the study of foreign languages creates. The Committee on Course of Study and School-books were directed by a vote of the board to co-operate with the "Joseph Lancaster Memorial Committee" of the Society of Friends in making arrangements for an appropriate testimonial to the founder of the public school system, who died in October, 1838, and who was interred in the burial-ground of the Society of Friends, in Houston street, between Chrystie street and Bowery. On the report of the Committee on Colored Schools, it was resolved that the Saturday normal colored school be discontinued after the 30th of May, but a clause in the resolution that the pupils be transferred to the Saturday normal school held at the Normal College, was stricken out.

The Committee on By-Laws, Elections, and Qualifications, to whom had been referred the communication of the citizens and tax-payers of the Eighth Ward, urging action against the proprietors and occupants of disreputable houses in that ward, on the ground that such houses had a tendency to annoy and demoralize the pupils of the public schools of the ward, reported to the board. They stated, as the result of their meetings and examination of witnesses, that they were satisfied that a number of houses of the description complained of exist in the vicinity of the schools of the Eighth Ward, and are of such character as to call for the earnest remonstrance of citizens interested in the schools, and for the prompt action of the public authorities with a view to their suppression. The committee called special attention to the conduct of Capt. Williams, of the Eighth Precinct, while testifying before them, and his defiant manner in refusing to furnish the desired information. In the opinion of the committee he conducted himself in a manner wholly unworthy of an officer in his position, whose duty it was not only to give the information, when desired for proper purposes, but to do all in his power to aid in suppressing the haunts of vice complained before the board. Being aware that the Board of Education had no power to itself to punish offenders against the law for keeping disreputable houses, or renting their property for such purposes, they claimed, nevertheless, that the board had a right and was charged with the imperative duty of making all proper inquiry in the matter. Having learned from Capt. Williams that the District Attorney had been furnished with a list of the houses of infamous character in question, with the names of the owners and occupants, the committee, acting on this information, offered the following preamble and resolution for the acceptance of the board:

Whereas, It is established to the satisfaction of this board that a number of disreputable and disorderly houses exist in the vicinity of the schools of the Eighth Ward, the influence of which is dangerous to the public and seriously impair the usefulness of the schools; and it also appearing that a list containing the street numbers of such houses, with the names of the owners and occupants, has been furnished to the District Attorney; therefore,

Resolved, That that officer be and is hereby urgently requested as cause to be indicted and punished, all owners and occupants (who are liable to indictment) of such disreputable houses situated in the vicinity of any of the public schools of the Eighth Ward, or where the children attending those schools may be exposed to their pernicious influence.

The report of the committee was adopted by the board.

The proposition brought forward by Commissioner Baker, with the view of excluding from the elementary teaching of the public schools all languages other than English, and all merely ornamental branches of learning, having been again submitted to the board, was opposed by Commissioner Klamroth, and, after a short discussion, it was decided to refer it to the Committee on Economy without any direction in respect to their action. Some routine business was then disposed of, after which the board adjourned.

THE BUFFALO.

INCIDENTS IN FRONTIER EXPERIENCES—HOW THE MONARCH OF THE PLAINS IS HUNTED.

A late issue of the Greeley (Col.) *Tribune* contains a letter from Mr. R. R. Smith in relation to the haunts of the great herds of buffalo throughout the past few months, with other particulars as to the way in which they have been hunted, different styles of hunting, the mode of life of the hunter, &c. Mr. Smith says the main herds of the buffalo have been on the north side of the Platte River during most of the past Winter. They crossed from the south about the last of November, owing to the fact that their customary pasture-grounds were burned over. In October there was a fire over 100 miles along the north side of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and millions of acres were as black as could be. This compelled the herds to seek new fields. Concerning the habits of the animal Mr. Smith writes: "The buffalo live near some stream or spring, grazing from one mile to ten miles from it. They do not go more than two days without drink. There are three ways of hunting them—still-hunting, on the plains on foot, and on horseback. The hunter who still-hunts finds where they come for water, and keeps under the bank watching his opportunity. About 11 o'clock A. M. the buffaloes are seen making their way to the water. They are both the slowest and fleetest of all animals for their size. They always go in file and follow a path. None break ranks except when feeding or frightened. When within from one to ten rods the hunter selects his victim, and aiming at a point just back of the foreleg and about six inches above the lower part of the body, fires. If one is brought down, he waits until others go to him and get a smell of the blood; then the 'shootist' can generally kill four or five before the rest really know what is up. I have fired fifteen rounds in one position, and stopped only because I did not wish to kill more. I would then let them see me, and they went off, *sans ceremonie*. The 'foot hunter' is compelled to follow a herd, keeping out of sight by hugging ravines, and running at best speed when an opportunity offers, so as to get within gauge, if possible. He may get a shot after maneuvering for hours, or he may not. It is healthy sport, but by no means profitable, or even pleasing. Hunting on horseback is thus portrayed: "On horseback there is the most excitement. On one occasion four of us came upon a herd of from 30,000 to 50,000. I should think the plain was literally covered, eight by five miles. We mounted our horses, and by riding first one way, and then another, we got the herd broken, and after an hour we had them strung out in any shape to suit desire." Of the camp of the Buffalo hunter, we have the following sketch: "It is constructed for comfort, and not for convenience. It must be near water. The hunter has blankets, and in these he sleeps. The sky is his tent, and the cactus his feather bed. He has the choicest of meat, and can cook it his own way. I have lived on Graham mush and buffalo meat for a week at a time, and gained rapidly in flesh, although I ran and walked many miles every day. The hunter enjoys health, happiness, and fun, especially, if it be pleasant weather; but, if a storm comes on, he had better start for shelter." Relative to the use put to the buffalo when killed, Mr. Smith writes: "There has been a great trade in buffalo beef this Winter. In most cases only the hind-quarters are used—not that the rest is not good, but that the other is best; and when they are so plenty nothing but the best is taken. The hunter is liable to a fine if he kills and does not bring all that is good to rat into market. A local market is generally found at some house along the main road, where the meat is brought to sell. This is sold for one to one and a fourth cents per pound, and the tongues for fifteen cents apiece at the hunters' head-quarters."

THIRSTY INDIANS' STRATEGY.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says the red men of the Cattaraugus reservation play a rather shrewd game in getting whisky, and thereby prove that they have not yet lost all their hereditary cunning. The noble Senecas are aware that it would not be to their interest to jeopardize the saloon-keepers, as then they would be able to get no more liquor. So they simply employ some white man as agent to purchase the whisky for them, and reward him accordingly. Of course there is no difficulty in getting around the law in this way, and hence while there are always plenty of drunken Indians around the reservation, it is rarely the case that any one is arrested for selling liquor to them.

THIRTY-SEVEN MILLIONS.

THE TREASURES OF THE HARBOR OF VIGO, SPAIN.

ANOTHER SEARCH FOR SUNKEN MONEY—THE LOST SPANISH GALLEONS—A CURIOUS SPECULATION.

The project of acquiring the treasure sunk with the Spanish galleons in 1702, in the harbor of Vigo, Spain, is now prominently before the public, and a company is being promoted for the purpose of carrying it into effect. It is proposed that the capital stock of the company shall amount to $750,000 in 7,500 shares of $100 each. A concession has been granted by the Spanish Government to recover the treasure, and some weight is given to the project by the circumstance that Mr. John E. Gowen, civil engineer, who successfully raised the Russian fleet which was sunk in the harbor of Sebastopol during the Crimean war, reports favorably as to its feasibility. There seems to be no doubt at all as to the actual existence of the treasure, for the statements as to the sinking of the galleons and the freight which they contained are well authenticated by historical records. The treasure which Spain drew from its American possessions was always regarded as of the greatest importance for purposes of relief when the country was pressed by wars or other emergencies, and the custom was to import it annually in vessels which were especially constructed for the purpose, and which were known as the treasure galleons. This treasure took the form of gold and silver, both in bars and in coins, and of precious stones of various kinds. After 1698 the annual importation ceased for some years, as the war which was then going on between Spain and France on the one side and England and Holland on the other, rendered the galleons liable to be intercepted by the Anglo-Dutch fleet. The requirements of Spain, however, became so pressing that a shipment from the Spanish American ports was determined upon at all hazards, and Spain applied to the French Government for a fleet of French war vessels to act as a convoy and protect the Spanish galleons. The French Government entered into the arrangement, and in 1702 a fleet of galleons consisting, it is stated by some authorities, of some twenty-three vessels, of from 400 to 600 tons each, sailed from the Spanish American ports for Cadiz, the convoy consisting of the Spanish and French fleets, the number of the former being about twenty-three line-of-battle ships. The English Government was apprised of the shipment, and dispatched an Anglo-Dutch fleet to the Spanish coast, with the view of intercepting the treasure-laden galleons and securing so rich a prize. The galleons and the convoy were informed of the intention to intercept them, and so, with the view of avoiding the intercepting fleet, sailed for the harbor of Vigo, where they arrived on the 22d September, 1702. Vigo is known as the outer bay of Vigo opens on the Bay of Bisayn, but there is a smaller or inner bay, which was protected by forts of indifferent strength, and the entrance to which was a comparatively narrow channel. The town of Vigo is built on a hill, sloping down to the shore of the bay. It is inclosed by a wall and trench, and further defended by two castles on the heights behind. The streets are narrow, steep, and crooked. It has a parish church, built in the Doric style of architecture, a town hall, custom-house, theatre, college, various public schools, and a hospital. The harbor is a good one, there is active fishery in operation, and the town has an extensive export trade in wine, corn, and bacon. It is also a town of considerable antiquity. It is situated in Galicia, on the most west coast of Spain, and eighty-five miles north of Oporto. Its population is about 8,000. The inland sweep of the bay is some twenty miles, and it is five miles wide at its mouth. Vigo was attacked both before and subsequent to 1702, when the galleons containing the treasure were sunk. It was attacked by Drake in 1585 and 1589, by Lord Cobham in 1719. When the galleons and the convoying fleet entered the harbor in 1702, they proceeded to increase their security by barricading the entrance to the inner bay with a stockade or boom, and so protected they deemed themselves secure from any attack by the hostile fleet. Certain representations made by the officials of Cadiz to the authorities at Madrid, interfered with the landing of the treasure, and it remained still on board the galleons, with the exception of a few small parcels, when the Anglo-Dutch fleet, which had a large land force on board, appeared off the harbor of Vigo on the 21st October, 1702. On the following morning they entered and commenced their attack. They landed a considerable force, attacked the defenses which had been erected, and succeeded in forcing the inner bay. There was now a probability of losing the treasure, and, accordingly, the Spaniards, in order to prevent it falling into the hands of the enemy proceeded to burn the galleons. The Admiral commenced operations by burning his own ship, but the rest were sunk with all the treasure which they had on board. Of those which were taken three were subsequently lost, the Dutch being obliged to abandon two which were burning, and the English losing the finest galleon of them all, the prize of the frigate Monmouth. This galleon was lost by striking on a rock, when proceeding out through the entrance of the harbor. The galleons sunk in the harbor, it appears, remain there up to the present time, with all the treasures on board, and the company which is being promoted has got a concession from the Spanish Government to acquire this treasure, seem to be very earnest in the matter. The company have issued a pamphlet, wherein they quote a great deal of "authentic, historical, official, and other data," in proof of the following propositions: First—The number of galleons and the vast amount of treasure and other valuables on board. Second—That a comparatively small portion only was landed. Third—That nothing has been done to disturb the treasure from the position in which it was originally placed. Fourth—That the attempts which have been made to recover the treasure conclusively prove that it still exists. In one of the accounts quoted it appears that the battle lasted a day and a half without the least interruption. The number of galleons is variously estimated. The Marquis of Quincy in his military history of Louis the Great, says that there were twenty-three galleons, and another writer of French history places the number at twenty-four. The pamphlet sums up the case in this way: "Thirty-seven or thirty-eight ships of every kind were reckoned;

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UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—LED ASTRAY—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—ZIP; OR POINT LYNDE LIGHT.—Miss Lotta.

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OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT.

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This morning THE DAILY TIMES *consists of* TEN PAGES. *Every news-dealer is bound to deliver the paper in its complete form, and any failure to do so should be reported at the publication office.*

Very little progress was made in Congress yesterday as to the finances. The Senate gave one vote that is generally construed as being against the inflationists, but it was a very dubious vote. It is pleasant to record that Mr. SARGENT, of California, gave notice that the friends of sound finance did not regard themselves as in the minority, and would not accept that position. Mr. JONES, of Nevada, made a very sensible and pungent speech against inflation. In the House of Representatives, also, two able speeches were made—one by Mr. PHELPS, of New-Jersey, and one by Mr. HAWLEY, of Connecticut. Both were conservative, and Gen. HAWLEY took the ground that the Republican Party was bound by honor and by interest to redeem the promises so often made to provide for paying the legal-tender notes.

The Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments report that the decision of the Supreme Court made in January last, in the case of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company, reduced the assessed value of that company's property about one-third, or $2,241,882. This deduction was made on account of personal property actually out of the State. The decision reverses the practice of the department in regard to corporations of this State, but it is quite in the line of the decisions in other States, and supports a doctrine which, sooner or later, must seriously interfere with our present Tax laws. The worst of it is, too, that this interference cannot be avoided without entirely changing the principle on which these laws are constructed. That is, undoubtedly, what should be done; but whether it can be done or not, is a different matter. It may be necessary to submit to even greater loss and injury than we have yet suffered, to bring the public to see the utter worthlessness of our Tax laws. But they will see it sooner or later.

The harmonious Democracy, which the *World* thinks is coming into power on a hard-money platform in 1876, is playing some queer tricks in Ohio. Mr. THURMAN, who, to his credit be it said, has stood with his colleague, Mr. SHERMAN, against inflation, is being roundly berated by the principal Democratic papers. It will be perceived that the Democrats are not yet all agreed on the gospel that is to save them, and are even inclined, as yet, to stone some of its prophets. The blood of the martyrs, we suppose, is the seed of the church, but in this case there is little time and less soil for the seed to sprout in.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred Mr. BENNETT'S bill providing for a reform in the Williamsburg ferries, have, after a delay of nine weeks, reported adversely on the bill. They did not even do this until Mr. BENNETT became disgusted with their action, and moved for their discharge. Mr. COLAHAN, of Kings, evidently believed that the committee was led by "secret motives to delay this bill," and a strong feeling exists that a majority of the committee had no wish to deprive GEORGE LAW of the monopoly which he holds at present. The House, we are glad to say, by a majority of 44 to 34, disagreed with the report of the committee, and we hope it will pass this bill, which is demanded by the unanimous voice of the people of Brooklyn, and thus put an end at last to one of the worst monopolies in existence.

Credit must be given to the Assembly for its action yesterday, in striking out the allowance of $90,000 to Dr. SWINBURNE from the Supply bill, into which it had been inserted through the efforts of Col. C. S. SPENCER. If we were to say that there was a job in this affair, we might be summoned to Albany to prove our assertion; therefore we shall only say that it is very singular that Dr. SWINBURNE has allowed a just claim against the State for so large an amount to sleep for all these years. Butwe can hardly commend the action of Col. SPENCER. It being apparent that Dr. SWINBURNE could allow a claim for $90,000 to lie dormant for nearly ten years, he certainly could have afforded the State time to inquire whether any part of this sum was due to him or not. Col. SPENCER thought otherwise, and dragged the item into the Supply bill for immediate payment. Fortunately for the tax-payers of the State, the sober second thought has overtaken the Assembly.

Bills are soon to be introduced in the Assembly, it is said, creating a new Metropolitan Police District in this City, reorganizing the Commission of Charities and Correction, and the Departments of Docks and Public Works. In short, it is proposed, at this late day in the session, to begin the work of entirely reconstructing the local government of the City of New-York. It is a waste of time to enter upon this business now, and it would have been impolitic for a Republican Legislature to engage in the business at any period during the present session. There has been more than enough of tinkering at the charter of the City in recent years, and, in a party sense, we cannot afford to have any more of it. The people of the State demand that there shall be at least one session of the Legislature not occupied exclusively by the affairs of the City.

FACTS IN THE SANBORN CASE.

What are the Sanborn contracts? This is a question which every newspaper reader must have often asked himself within the past few months. We shall undertake to answer it as fully and clearly as is possible from the information now accessible. These contracts were made under a provision of the act of May 8, 1872, which was an appropriation bill. The provision is as follows, and we quote it because it is necessary that it should be carefully read in order that the case may be properly understood:

"From and after the passage of this act the *Secretary of the Treasury shall have power* to employ not more than three persons to assist the proper officers of the Government in discovering and collecting any money belonging to the United States whenever the same shall be withheld by any person or corporation, *upon such terms and conditions as he shall deem best for the interests of the United States*; but no compensation shall be paid to such persons except out of the money and property so secured; and no person shall be employed under the provisions of this clause who shall not have *fully set forth in a written statement, under oath*, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, the *character of the claim* out of which he proposes to recover, or assist in recovering, moneys for the United States, the laws by violation of which the same have been withheld, and the name of the person, firm, or corporation having thus withheld such moneys; and if any person so employed shall receive or attempt to receive any money or other consideration from any person, firm, or corporation alleged thus to have withheld money from the United States, except in pursuance of the written contract made in relation thereto with the Secretary of the Treasury, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than $1,000, or imprisoned not less than two years, or both, in the discretion of any court of the United States having jurisdiction; *and the person so employed shall be required to make report of his proceedings under such contract at any time when required to do so by the Secretary of the Treasury.*"

It will be seen that this simply authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to employ additional assistants in discovering and collecting debts due to the Government, the assistants to be paid out of the money received. It has since been explained that the law was intended to relate only to debts not discoverable and collectable by ordinary agencies. This explanation is at least plausible; because it is not likely that Congress would have intentionally authorized the employment of extraordinary means where ordinary means were sufficient. But if this was the intention of Congress, it was implied, not expressed. As a matter of fact, the law authorized the Secretary to employ assistants in discovering and collecting any taxes he might turn over to them, at any rate of compensation he might designate, on such terms as he deemed best for the Treasury, with only certain unimportant limitations. The origin of this provision in the act of May 8, 1872, is obscure. Several members of the House opposed it. It was adhered to by the Senate, though strongly criticised by the House Committee, and was finally accepted as a part of a compromise arrived at by a Conference Committee.

A number of contracts were made under it, but only those with one JOHN D. SANBORN, of Massachusetts, amounted to anything. How SANBORN came to get his contracts does not appear. He is a sharp, adventurous man—according to Collector SIMMONS, of Boston, a "mysterious man," who "sort of managed things, you know" for railroads, in the Massachusetts Legislature. And the evidence shows him to have been a friend of Gen. BUTLER. So much seems to be visible through the fog which surrounds the subject.

The first of SANBORN'S contracts is dated Aug. 13, 1872, and relates to taxes on spirituous and fermented liquors in the cases of certain specified persons and firms. SANBORN'S application is dated July 15, but is sworn to on the date of the contract. The contract provides that SANBORN shall proceed to collect the taxes alleged to be due; that he shall have the assistance of the United States attorneys, if legal proceedings are necessary, but only on the written consent of the Secretary; that he shall pay all costs; that he shall report all proceedings when required; that he shall have fifty per cent. of the gross sums collected, and that the contract may be revoked at any time at the pleasure of the Secretary. The contract is signed by Mr. RICHARDSON, Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

On the 25th of October, SANBORN applied for an extension of his contract, to embrace certain cases of taxes upon legacies and successions and income, about 800 in number. The application contains the names of persons, but only in a portion of the cases the places of their residence. It was sworn to Nov. 18, in Washington, nineteen days after the contract was signed. It was referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury Oct. 31. A contract was signed on the 30th of October by Mr. RICHARDSON, Acting Secretary, and its terms were the same as those of the previous one.

On the 19th of March, 1873, a third contract, or a second extension of the original contract, was made with SANBORN, embracing about 3,000 names. On the 1st of July a third extension was granted, embracing the cases of between 500 and 600 railways. These two last were signed by Mr. RICHARDSON, Secretary. Under all these contracts there was collected between the 21st of March, 1872, and the 9th of February, 1874, $427,030 49, of which SANBORN received $213,205 15, and the United States Treasury received $213,225 34.

These contracts, their origin, nature, and operation, are now under investigation by the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives. We hope the committee will make the investigation much more searching and complete than it has yet been. It has already gone far enough to show that the law under which the contracts were made is a loose, bad law. Ostensibly providing extraordinary means to collect Government debts not otherwise collectable, the law does not limit the employment of the means authorized to this class of cases. Even if it did, the policy would be one that is condemned in every department of the Government. The law, therefore, ought to be repealed. But what of the administration of the law? That is the field for the committee to exhaust. It is, in fact, the only field; for discretion under the law is given so entirely to the Treasury Department, that the character of the whole procedure is fixed by the use made of that discretion.

The turning point of the inquiry is, were the taxes of which SANBORN received one-half for collecting them, such as should and could have been collected by the regular revenue officers? What precautions were taken to discover whether the taxes embraced in SANBORN'S applications could have been obtained by the usual methods, before granting the contracts? The law contains no limitation. The contracts contain none. Were the applications inspected to see that only stale claims, or claims beyond reach of ordinary agencies, were included in them?

As to the actual profit from the contracts, there is much conflicting testimony. Experts like Mr. SIMMONS, of Boston, think that the contracts secured for the Government a great deal of money that would not otherwise have been got. Mr. DOUGLASS, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who ought to be a better judge, thinks that the taxes on legacies and successions and on railroad dividends might have been obtained by the regular agencies. On this point his evidence, as we receive it, is apparently unqualified. As for Mr. RICHARDSON, he condemns the contracts and the law, and recommends the repeal of the latter, upon which he says he will cancel the former. He has but little personal knowledge of what has been done in the matter, which seems to have been—necessarily, as he contends—in the hands of subordinates. In this part of the case Mr. RICHARDSON does not seem to show with much effect. But we trust the committee will find out who the subordinates are, what they did, and what has resulted from what they did. The matter is at this moment in a position to be very fruitful of exaggerated charges and injurious insinuations. These can only be met by a full investigation, and that we hope the committee will find time to make.

MR. TRAPHAGEN.

We have heard a good deal about the "anomalous" character of the Sanborn contracts. It is a painful but necessary duty to point out that the distinction of originality, which is assumed to belong to these agreements, is entirely undeserved. Tammany has been in the field before, and exhibited a boldness of conception not dreamt of by the collectors of the arrears of Federal taxes. It was early in the Summer of 1871, when the New-York Ring was blindly drifting on to ruin, that a gentleman learned in the law of Corporation real estate, became possessed with an idea. He had gone deeply into the subject of the water grants of the City of New-York; the Dongan and Montgomerie charters, the Constitution of 1777, and all the legislation on this subject, from 1807 to the latest Corporation ordinance, had given up their secrets to him. He had studied the crown grants of land to low water and 400 feet beyond, from their original boundaries of Corlear's Hook on the one shore, and Bestaver's Kill on the other, through their various legislative extensions, till at length the City held in fee all the unappropriated water-front from the Battery to Spuyten Duyvil.

Meditating on the goodly array of statutes and ordinances which describe the process briefly indicated, Mr. W. C. TRAPHAGEN made a discovery which he concluded could be turned to his own profit, as well as to the profit of the Corporation. He made it clear to his own satisfaction, and to that of a committee of the sinking fund, that a large slice of the water-front was held by persons who had no legal title to it. By what ingenious process of reasoning the conclusion was reached was Mr. TRAPHAGEN'S secret, for which he insisted on being well paid. Half the value of the land recovered to the Corporation from its illegal holders, the whole legal machinery of the City placed freely at his service, and the payment in advance of all expenses incurred in "maintaining or asserting the rights of the Corporation"—such were the chief stipulations of the bargain concluded with Mr. TRAPHAGEN. These seem to be very favorable terms for the contractor, but it must be remembered that apart from the labor of searching titles, feelingly alluded to in his letter of yesterday to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, it needed a good deal of ingenuity to discover a legal loophole in the water grants of the City. The whole ground had been covered by the most copious and precise judicial decisions, the Revised Statutes had re-enacted, and simplified all the essential legislation on the subject, and the titles of the vast majority of riparian proprietors had passed the scrutiny of some of the foremost real estate lawyers of the last half century.

We may conjecture that Mr. TRAPHAGEN'S discovery related to that knotty point about who are the "adjacent owners" under the statutes affecting water grants. In defining the powers of the Commissioners of the Land Office to make grants of land under water, the statutes provide that these grants shall either be for the benefit of the commerce of the State, or proper for the beneficial enjoyment of the same by the "adjacent owner;" but that any such grant made to any other person shall be void. It may be a reflection on the ingenuity of Mr. TRAPHAGEN to assume that he held the City to be the true adjacent owner, in a number of cases where private individuals have been supposed to occupy that position. His theory must at least have resembled this to the extent of holding that a grant made in good faith, and duly paid for, might still be held "adversely to the Corporation," and without legal title. Ever since 1844, all grants of land under water had to be reported for the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in whose custody were deposited the sums paid for such grants.

This, then, was briefly the nature of Mr. TRAPHAGEN'S contract. The same board which had confirmed the titles and taken the money of the owners of City water grants, empowered a smart lawyer to contest, at the City's expense, the validity of those titles, and, if he found a flaw in them, to dispossess the owners, and take half the proceeds. The contractor was to run no risk whatever; money was to be advanced to him, in addition to the resources of the Corporation Counsel's Office, to maintain his theory, whatever it was, in the courts. He might be defeated a score of times, but he could continue to draw upon the City for more "expenses," and to dictate fresh briefs to the Corporation Counsel. He was to repay some or all of his "advances" from the proceeds of sale of the first property which he was able to seize, but he might continue to harass for years proprietors along the whole water-front, without risking a cent of his own money, and without failing, if so minded, to be very well paid for the expenditure of his time. Nor was this all. Suppose the "contiguous proprietors," who had taken and paid for their grants in good faith, had been dispossessed by Mr. TRAPHAGEN. They would hardly fail to have had a right of action against the sinking fund for the recovery of the money paid for a worthless title. While the Commissioners were putting into one pocket half the realized value of a recovered grant, they would, therefore, have had to take out of the other the whole amount originally paid for it.

That this is a simple statement of the working of this remarkable contract is proved by a case now in the courts. In this instance, Mr. TRAPHAGEN entered suit to recover a water grant approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund *after* the date of their agreement to divide the proceeds of all land illegally withheld from City ownership. Had HALL, CONNOLLY, and the rest of the Ring Commissioners remained in power, they could have provided a magnificent field for the enterprise of their contractor. They had only to leave some legal flaw in their grants of water rights, to be readily detected by Mr. TRAPHAGEN and to be used for the expropriation of the innocent proprietor. The contract has been revoked before due opportunity was afforded to turn it to good account. As this will interrupt the development of a highly-symmetrical job, it is, on purely æsthetic grounds, perhaps, to be regretted.

GOVERNMENT AND THE CENTENNIAL.

Gen. GARFIELD objects to a bill, reported from the Committee on Ways and Means, to admit free of duty articles intended for "the International Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876." He bases his objection, not on any opposition to the principle of the bill, but on the use of the word "international" in the title, and he does so because he does not wish to see the Government committed in any way with the scheme. Mr. GARFIELD is not singular in the position he thus occupies; but as it is disputed by the friends of the exposition in Congress, it may be worth while to review some of the facts of the case.

In March, 1871, Congress passed an act creating a Board of Commissioners, and "to provide for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of American independence, by holding an International Exhibition," &c. The first section of that act reads thus:

"Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that an exhibition of American and foreign arts, products, and manufactures shall be held under the auspices of the Government of the United States, in the City of Philadelphia, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six."

In the month of June following, a second act was passed creating the Centennial Board of Finance. This act was entitled "An act relative to the Centennial International Exhibition, to be held in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six," and the wording throughout was based upon that title. In accordance, then, with the provisions of these two measures, the President, in the month of July, 1873, issued a proclamation in which, after certain formal recitations, he used the following words:

"Now, therefore, be it known, that I, ULYSSES S. GRANT, President of the United States, in conformity with the provisions of the act of Congress aforesaid, do hereby declare and proclaim that there will be held, at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, an International Exhibition of arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine, to be opened on the nineteenth day of April, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and to be closed on the nineteenth day of October in the same year."

These three documents, emanating as they do from Congress and the President of the Republic, would seem sufficient to justify the assertion made by Mr. KELLEY and others immediately interested in the exhibition, that the National Government is already committed to the undertaking. But the case can be made stronger yet. On the 5th of July last year, a note was sent from the Department of State to the foreign Ministers, inclosing a copy of the President's proclamation, and asking through them for the co-operation of their respective Governments. In that note, the President was made to indulge the hope that "the opportunity afforded by the exhibition for the interchange of national sentiment and friendly intercourse between the people of the two nations may result in new and still greater advantages to science and industry, and at the same time serve to strengthen the bonds of peace and friendship which already happily subsist between the Government and people of —— and those of the United States." This note was sent on to the several Governments throughout the world which have representatives at Washington, and the invitation was answered and accepted by Germany, Holland, Belgium, Ecuador, Hayti, and Norway and Sweden; and their acceptances are in the hands of Mr. FISH. The Swedish Parliament have even passed a bill appropriating 50,000 crowns for expenses to be incurred in representing the national industries at Philadelphia.

If the Government of this country is not identified with the proposed exhibition, it is hard to conceive what course would be necessary to adopt if we were desirous of making the identification stronger. Moreover, if the project is to be regarded as quite distinct from and independent of the Government, it must become necessary to retrace the steps already taken—to repeal or amend the acts of Congress, and to repudiate both the President's proclamation and the official letter of the Secretary of State to foreign Governments. But it seems to us that the issue raised is not a sound one. Because both Congress and the Executive are committed to the exhibition, that is no reason why Congress should be asked for money to support it. And, especially, when we remember that the workshops of Europe are already busied with preparations for the exhibition, there does not appear to be any tangible reason why the country should avoid the responsibilities it has assumed. If it had not already undertaken them, the matter would be different. But the Government clearly is committed so far as to have given the project its sanction and countenance abroad. We still hope to see a generous support given to this great undertaking.

UNIVERSAL PEACE.

One of the most striking passages in Mr. SUMNER'S will is the clause wherein "he bequeaths to the President and Fellows of Harvard College $1,000, in trust for an annual prize for the best dissertation by any student of the college, or any of its schools, on universal peace, and the methods by which war may be permanently suspended." This bequest reveals an interest in the general welfare, and a sympathy for mankind, such as characterize only the broadest Christian faith and the highest virtue. By thus establishing a perpetual reward, which is to stimulate in years to come useful and peaceful aspirations, Mr. SUMNER continues his action beyond the grave, and, after working during life for the abolition of slavery, he still fights for the suppression of that other source of ills and woes, war.

Mr. SUMNER held the belief that it is possible to control all causes of war, and he appears to have entertained a sanguine hope that the time would come when they could be controlled. His experience and knowledge of the world were complete, but by an instinctive kindliness of nature, he readily turned to the better side of things, and cherished confidence in the predominance of the better feelings of his fellow-men. He was always ready to hope for the best, and he never despaired of attaining any good, however difficult it might appear. He saw the principle of arbitration applied to a question replete with difficulties: he saw those difficulties amicably settled between two powerful nations; and he concluded, not without some appearance of reason, that all international disputes might be disposed of in a similar manner.

This faith was probably strengthened by the history of the past. So much has been accomplished of late that a cheerful and trusting soul may well take a bright view of the future. Society has seen some deeply-seated iniquities uprooted, barbarous customs given up, social inequality, political disqualification, religious intolerance, and slavery disappear. Why should not war follow? That was Mr. SUMNER'S inquiry and his hope. We heartily wish we could share that hope, for it is something far higher than the brilliant vision of a great Christian statesman.

But the present condition of the world is still calculated to encourage it. Not much is being done as yet toward putting down the spirit of war. The old maxim, "*Si vis pacem, para bellum*" is still preferred to the nobler precepts of the Gospel. Europe is one huge camp. In a recent article we showed the immense sums that are being expended on war budgets, exclusive of certain extraordinary expenses, which would swell the amount by many millions. In Italy eighty millions of francs have been voted for erecting new and improving old fortifications. Holland is about to spend thirty millions of florins on the defense of her boundaries inland. Prussia appropriates still larger sums for the development of her aggressive war power, and France is not likely to be tardy in following so suggestive an example. Thus, if no Chinese wall can be erected between the nations, other contrivances are still made to point to a sad deficiency of international confidence. The first objects that usually meet the eye on a frontier are emblematic of war. We fear, therefore, that Christian philosophers and statesmen, who look forward to a reign of universal peace as immediately possible, have made too generous an estimate of human nature. They assume too much that men are like themselves, instead of taking them as they are, and as for some time they seem likely to be. Pride, selfishness, ambition, will still remain powerful forces, and must continue to produce results which the influence of neither Christianity nor education can prevent.

A practical attempt was made, in ancient times, by the Greeks, to secure perpetual peace between their several States. The Amphictyonic Council was established to that end. But there is not much in its history to foster a strong faith in the scheme. It failed to check disunion, and did not save the country from internecine and destructive wars.

HENRI IV., of France, too, and his Minister, SULLY, broached a similar plan. They proposed to turn Europe into a great Christian commonwealth, with a general Council, called the Senate of the Christian Republic, to carry out the necessary arrangements, and to settle all difficulties which might arise. But circumstances prevented the undertaking from receiving the test of practical experiment. The idea was also taken up by a philanthropic thinker of the last century. The Abbé DE ST. PIERRE wrote a book on perpetual peace. He thought it possible to substitute a system of judicial arbitration for the state of strife and violence prevailing among nations. But he was ridiculed, and his humanizing theories had little influence. It took two thousand years to get rid of the curse of slavery, and if it takes twice as long to bring about the blessing of universal peace, the conquest will be abundantly worth the time and the labor spent upon it.

A LITTLE "WAR" IN NEW-JERSEY.

The office of Coroner in Hudson County, N. J., was once so profitable that the candidates for it were said to be almost as numerous as flies at harvest-time. The fees were run up to such a good round sum, year after year, that the tax-payers at length grew restive, and appealed to the Legislature for relief. In 1871, a law was passed which removed jurisdiction, in cases of sudden and violent deaths, from the hands of the Coroners, and gave it to the County Physician. Among the charges against the Coroners was one to the effect that they had caused post-mortem examinations to be made, and had held inquests, in hundreds of instances in which the ends of justice would have been served fully as well by simply granting permits for burial. The new law on the subject empowered the County Physician to investigate all cases of the nature referred to, to give permits for burial, to consult with other physicians whenever the circumstances seemed to warrant it, and to call in the aid of the Coroners under like contingencies. For this increase of labor, the County Physician had his salary increased from $1,200 to $4,000. As a consequence, the Coroner's office immediately became so insignificant that, save for the nominal honor of the position, it was not worth the trouble of an election.

The new system worked in a most satisfactory manner, until the election of Mr. JACOB REINHARDT. Whether he had been misled by the politicians as to the emoluments, or had an opinion of his own on the matter, we cannot tell. But, however that may be, he had no sooner mastered the duties, than he set about the task of mastering the difficulties of the situation likewise. The County Physician, Dr. BUCK, was his special aversion from the start. To the machinations of that innocent functionary, he attributed the baldness of his office, so that when an opportunity seemed to offer for "getting even" with him he eagerly embraced it. The first "battle" occurred on the meadows, at the scene of an accident which caused the death of a man. The Coroner got wind of it before the County Physician, held an inquest, and disposed of the body without notifying the former. He then carried the "war" into the Legislature, and endeavored to have a bill passed abolishing the office of County Physician. The effort did not succeed. Indeed, it met with such little favor that the Coroner must have seen at once that in that direction he had nothing to hope for. Henceforth, it was evident he would have to rely on himself to effect the reform he desired. On Saturday last there arose another opportunity to strike a blow for freedom. Through an accident on the railroad, in Jersey City, two men were killed. County Physician BUCK promptly took charge of the case, and, for reasons which are obvious, instead of inviting Mr. REINHARDT, the Coroner of the district, to hold an inquest, sent over to Hoboken for a Coroner.

This evidence of resentment roused the indignation of Mr. REINHARDT, whose soul already thirsted for revenge. He went to the Morgue, and demanded the custody of the bodies. The keeper refused to comply. This opposition did not deter him from his purpose. He summoned a jury. Presently he was reinforced by an undertaker's wagon and a constable. Meanwhile, the County Physician arrived, and exerted his influence to put a stop to further proceedings. REINHARDT'S blood was at boiling heat. He dared his antagonist to do his utmost. By his direction the constable, aided by the undertaker's clerk, seized one of the bodies, placed it in the wagon, and with the Coroner rode proudly away. It was now the County Physician's turn to be indignant. He secured the services of a policeman, jumped into his carriage, and gave chase. The Coroner was finally overhauled and compelled to surrender his prize.

There were of course a good many threats used on both sides before the surrender. The Coroner, apparently, did not suspect that his acts made him amenable to the law, of which he considered himself a distinguished officer. The County Physician, on the other hand, knowing that he had right on his side, was not willing to let slip so good a chance for punishing the Coroner. After having returned the body to the Morgue, he went to the Police station and secured a squad of men to mount guard over it. His next step was to go to a Justice of the Peace, from whom he obtained a warrant for the arrest of Mr. REINHARDT. On Tuesday the latter was taken into custody, and had to give bail to appear before the Grand Jury. Naturally expectation is on tip-toe to know, not the result of the criminal proceedings, but what device the Coroner will next try to evade the law, and "get square" with the County Physician. Carrying off corpses in daylight will not do as things stand at present, but as Mr. REINHARDT is a person who has considerable pluck, and not a small share of ingenuity, it is probable that he will soon find a way to renew the conflict.

THE CALLENDER LOANS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention having been called to a statement in an article headed, "Charles Callender's Loans," in your issue of the 31st ult., that "Callender concealed (?) his loans with the Shoe and Leather and First National Banks," allow me to say that, so far as this bank is concerned, Callender not only did not conceal the loan made to him by us, but that it was paid in full, with interest at seven per cent. from the time of its date to the day of its payment.

JOHN M. CRANE, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, NEW-YORK, Wednesday, April 1, 1874.

[The mistake above referred to arose from a misprint. The word *canceled* was written by our reporter instead of *concealed*. We regret the occurrence of so vexatious a blunder.]

DRAMATIC.

AN IMPORTANT REVIVAL AT WALLACK'S THEATRE.

The announcement that Mr. Lester Wallack will produce the "Veteran" at the matinée on Saturday next, will create genuine pleasure in the minds of all theatre-goers. This charming play is well known to be one of the most popular dramas ever produced in New-York, in spite of which fact it has not been presented for many years, to the great regret of all who have seen the piece. It has the merit of romantic incidents, which take first hold of our sympathies, and of affording genuine scope both for fine acting and fine scenic effects. Well as Mr. Wallack sets all his pieces, the "Veteran" is emphatically the one which has received the most careful and elaborate *mise en scène*. This latest presentation will exceed in splendor all that have gone before, and the cast is so capital that the acting will be certainly equal to past efforts, than which no higher compliment can well be given. The leading rôle of *Leon Delmar* will be filled by Mr. Lester Wallack himself, who plays it with a verve, a chivalrous ardor, and a tenderness which he has never exceeded. Other characters are by John Gilbert, a perfect tower of strength, John Brougham, Mr. Arnott, James Polk, Carroll and Holland, and Miss Effie Germon, Mme. Ponisi, Miss Jeffreys-Lewis, and other ladies. The *tout ensemble* of the cast is unique in sparkling wit and vivacity, gay good-humor, sentiment and passion, solid histrionic strength, and the ease which can come only from conscious ability and constant development of talent. The manager, not satisfied with such a galaxy of able actors, proposes to add a ballet divertissement in which the chief part will be taken by Kathi Lannier, who is well known in New-York as a *danseuse* of much grace and refinement. An enormous sum of money has been spent on the decorations and scenery, and altogether this is a revival which cannot fail to be the chief dramatic event of the season.

The prospect for Saturday is therefore one of unusual interest; and as it is a peculiarity of Mr. Wallack to be always better than his word, or, in other words, to have a larger giant inside his show than on the canvas outside, the public that knows him will read this announcement with unfeigned pleasure. With sensations to right of him, sensations to left of him, he goes onward steadily in the path of legitimate comedy, winning triumphs with perfect unconsciousness, and producing pieces which can be seen by everybody, and about which one is not forced to hold a family council to know if it would be quite judicious to take the young ladies. We now hope he is about to win the crowning success of the season.

THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PRESS.

[*From the Journal of Commerce, April 1.*]

If the Assembly meant no more by its summons to the editors of certain New-York newspapers than to "invite, solicit, and request" them, as its Committee of Investigation has done, to go to Albany and disclose to that committee all the sources of their information, then the resolution on which that committee is acting was simply what, in a less august body, we should call a harmless impertinence. It is not the business of the journalist, nor can he spare the time, to be Attorney General or detective for a legislative committee. He is an officer of a superior tribunal—the high court of public opinion—and it is employment enough for all his energies to enlighten that court in its sovereign judgments on Judges, Governors, and Assemblies. He may appear at that bar simply as the advocate of a particular party or interest; he may speak as *amicus curiæ*, retained by no litigant and in the interest of the public alone; in some instances long experience and careful study of public affairs, with proved integrity, have so won for the journalist the public confidence that he speaks with a judicial authority, not merely advising, but pronouncing public opinion. In whichever of these grades he may belong, his office, honorably exercised, is both dignified and necessary. It is the very salvation of our institutions that above all the various depositaries of the powers of government is the authority of public opinion, enlightened and pronounced by a free press.

Undoubtedly these great powers of the press may be greatly abused. Venomous scolds practice at that bar, and "atrocious judges" sit on that bench, as well as the other; and it is important—we should be the last to deny it—that here, as elsewhere, reckless or malicious vituperation shall meet with exemplary punishment. For such wrongs the law of libel provides ample redress—abundant compensation to the aggrieved individual, vengeance for the outrage to the public peace and decency. But the people have thought fit that, as the journalist is their immediate minister, so he shall be accountable to them only for the exercise of his trust, and not to any of those agencies of government—Courts, Governors, Senates, Assemblies—which it is his chief duty to oversee. Early in this century the patriotic eloquence of Hamilton all but persuaded the Supreme Court, and fully persuaded the Legislature, to implant this principle (affirmed in part by an English statute of very similar history some years before) in the jurisprudence of this State, that in all prosecutions for libel the whole truth shall be laid before the public, as represented by an impartially-selected jury of citizens, who shall be final judges, not of the fact only, but also of the law. The Constitutions of 1821 and 1846 have established this principle where no degenerate Legislature can uproot it. To his own master the journalist stands or falls.

Of course, this jurisdiction is not at all satisfactory to many who are stung or scourged by the censures of the press. The tribunal is one little likely to regard the technicalites which the wrongdoer may urge for the punishment of the faithful servant who has exposed him. And such unsatisfied sufferers have essayed various expedients to bring the inconvenient censor under a discipline more conformed to their views. Three years ago, when great criminals sat on the Supreme Bench in this City, an act was smuggled through both Houses of a corrupt Legislature giving those criminals authority to punish at their discretion, as for a contempt of court, any journalist who might denounce their crimes. But public attention awoke to the nature of this tyrannical measure before it was quite too late, and, in obedience to an emphatic public demand, the Contempt act was suppressed by a veto. The spirit of Tweed and Barnard is not dead, it seems, in the Assembly at least. The same principle of bringing the accuser to trial at the bar of the accused fired the enthusiasm of Mr. Lincoln, of the Railroad Committee. As the theatrical *Pizarro*, when he learns of the appearance of the "old Peruvian," cries, "Drag him before us!" so Mr. Lincoln's wrath could be appeased by nothing short of the Sergeant at Arms hailing four or five luckless editors who had made "allegations, insinuations, or charges" against his committee, and "compelling them to substantiate their statements." The Assembly did not adopt Mr. Lincoln's angry language, but it gave him, in milder words, all that he asked, by empowering the committee of investigation to send for persons and papers. Whether those who voted for the resolution had any intention that this clause should be acted on, we shall, doubtless, soon see. Certainly, it would be a ready and effective method of suppressing hostile criticism if, whenever a newspaper publishes "allegations, insinuations, or charges"—phraseology broad enough to cover every form of unfavorable remark, everything that is not eulogy—against a committee or a member, the editor—and why not all his assistants, reporters, compositors, pressmen, and office boys?—shall be compelled to lay aside all business and excuses and repair forthwith to Albany, there to make satisfactory answers, on pain of imprisonment, to all questions that it may please a committee to put. There is no reason why this cannot be done, except that the public would not tolerate it. We trust the public will not overlook the stealthy stride toward it which has just been taken by a majority of the Assembly.

PROPOSED ANTI-INFLATION MEETING.

BOSTON, April 1.—A large number of leading merchants have signed a call for an anti-inflation meeting in Faneuil Hall Saturday evening next.

CHISELHURST.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE IMPERIAL SHRINE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Wednesday, March 18, 1874.

This morning again the journals of all parties and opinions give up a large portion of their space to the reception at Chiselhurst. Of course, the appreciations are extremely varied. There is a very wide margin between the enthusiastic joy of the party organs, and the terms of bitterness used by the Radical papers in their rather unparliamentary attacks. The organs of the present Government speak of the event in a tolerably fair manner, as a general thing, yet to their halt-way approvals they give a political turn which shows that they appreciate the necessity of counteracting the profound impression made upon all classes in France. No person pretends to dispute that such an impression has been made, for one must be blind indeed who cannot see that the entire population is affected. I have been a personal witness to the strength of this impression, but I should be accused of exaggeration and party bias were I to tell one half of what I believe to be the honest truth. Your London correspondent has already sent you the details of this affair, from an English point of view, and I desire to add a few personal observations made during a purely friendly visit to Chiselhurst. The number of persons who desired to go over to greet the Prince on his coming of age was exceedingly large, and the Duc De Padone kept two secretaries constantly engaged in opening the letters of application which came to him. One of these letters, taken at random from a mass of more than one hundred thousand, will give an idea of the general character of this correspondence:

MONSIEUR LE DUC: I desire to go to Chiselhurst to greet the Emperor on the 16th of March, but as I am a poor man, with only seventy-five francs that I can spare for the voyage, will you have the goodness to inform me if arrangements can be made to have me go and come for this price. Receive, Monsieur le Duc, &c. LACOSTE, Concierge.

In all cases the Duke replied that, even in the third-class conditions, it would be impossible to make the trip, with the greatest economy, for less than 100 or 125 francs. The railroads had refused to issue excursion tickets at reduced rates, as they do for almost everything else, even for the races and visits to the sea-side. Every first-class passenger had to pay 119 francs railway fare, which brought the entire expenses up to 200, at the least calculation. And hundreds were prevented from going through fear of the Channel. The French are not good travelers when they have to cross a bit of sea, and I found that those who had made up their minds to go at any cost and all hazards, had a very strong dread of the water passage. Their fears were ridiculous to an old traveler like myself, and I could hardly help laughing at the many demands made upon me to know if there was very great danger. Had the reception been in Switzerland, for instance, the demonstration would have been enormous. The Duc De Padone told every man that he must be prepared to pay all his own expenses, for not a sou would be given to any one. Yet 6,500 tickets were given to French citizens who came over, and another thousand had to be distributed among the English who wished to be present. We have certain data to this extent, but how many persons signed the registers outside is more than I can say at present.

THE START.

Sunday evening last I left on the Northern Railway in company with a number of French journalists and more than four hundred pilgrims. The station was packed full, and the train which ran out for Calais was the longest that has been started since the funeral of the Emperor. At Calais thousands of people had gathered about the quays to see the Bonapartists pass, and it seems that a rumor was current that "the Emperor," as they called the Prince, was certainly going to land upon French soil on the following day. At Dover we were subjected to a very long delay, and to one of the most vexatious luggage examinations I have ever seen in England. This was owing to the fact that we arrived on Sunday, when the regular employes were, it was said, off duty. But the railway companies had arranged everything in the most admirable manner. The French were loud in their praises of the polite railway servants, and greatly astonished at the complaisance they showed on every possible occasion. But for the splendid organization the preservation of order at the Charing Cross Station would have been out of the question; but 450 Frenchmen landed in London in the best of humor, and enchanted with all they saw. The Channel was as smooth as a lake, and the passage exceptionally fine. The Charing Cross Hotel was soon filled, and, in company with about two hundred persons, I went out to search for a night's lodging. As many hotels as there are about the station we found all crowded, and it was not until after many refusals that my small party of four found rooms. The next evening the entire quarter was filled with men in evening costumes and wearing white cravats. My room-mate for the night, being a member of the family, went down to Chiselhurst for breakfast, and the rest of us started off by the train, which left at 9, and each quarter of an hour thereafter.

AT THE VILLAGE.

At 10 o'clock on Monday morning the little station of Chiselhurst presented a very animated appearance. A number of carriages were in waiting, but a majority preferred to walk, and all the way up the hill to the gate which marks the entrance to the village there was a continuous line of black coats, with here and there a group of ladies in black, or sober Lenten costumes. We arrived just as the Empress and the Prince were entering the little chapel to hear mass, and before we had reached the gates the chapel was densely crowded, and the rest of us had to wait outside. M. Rouher, the Duke of Padua, Dr. Conneau, M. Rinard, and, in fact, nearly all the leading members of the party, were with us, and all were saluted with great respect whenever recognized. M. Rouher was recognized by all. He wore a black suit with a white neck-tie, and the broad, red ribbon of the Legion of Honor across his breast. When the mass was over the Empress and the Prince left in a carriage with Murat and Prince Lucien. During the service the Abbé Goddard had delivered an excellent address in French which was above reproach, but pronounced with a strong English accent. There was great emotion when he said: "Madame, your task is now completed; the rest belongs to God." The police arrangements were admirable, but to the French they seemed a little rough. Under the greatest provocation a French gendarme always replies politely, but, having to deal with rougher crowds, perhaps, the English Police do not stand on ceremony. The man or woman who tried to push through the lines—and there were attempts enough of the kind—were sure to receive a rude punch from a policeman's elbow. A number tried to steal a march upon the Police by creeping through the hawthorn hedge, a very easy matter in appearance, but a very difficult one in fact. Such attempts were soon relinquished, and the impatient were then occupied in stanching the blood which flowed from their numerous wounds.

THE EMPEROR'S TOMB.

Thanks to the Police, the defile was soon organized, and the crowd began to press in to see the Emperor's tomb. On entering the yard every one fell upon the ivy covering the wall, and it would have been ruined at once, if the Abbé Goddard had not hastened out to stop the depredations; but he called the gardener, who came with a ladder and trimmed off leaves wherever they could be spared, until all who desired them were satisfied. This piece of complaisance also charmed the French, who acknowledged that it would not have been done in France. As rapidly as possible the living train was hurried through the chapel by the tomb of Napoleon III., covered with violets, and out at the door upon the other side. A steady stream now started for Camden House. A thousand persons were grouped about the gilded gate, and those favored persons having cards signed by some members of the household were alone allowed to enter. We had to go round to the middle of the common and enter a narrow passage, which was kept open by a strong cordon of Police. The holders of the ordinary cards were not admitted until those having admission to the house had entered.

THE RECEPTION.

Thanks to the kindness of my friend of the night before, and who had left me at 8 o'clock that morning, I was introduced at once to the Empress and to the Prince, invited to enter the saloon during the receptions, and taken out to lunch while the Empress was taking her lunch in the other room. The arrangements were perfect and in every way satisfactory, although there were complaints from those who could not enter the house, already crowded with known friends. M. Filon, M. Pietri, and others were incessant in their efforts to make every one comfortable, while M. Rouher, the Duc De Padoue, the Duc De Bassano, and many more were very busy in arranging the deputations. Posts were put up upon the lawn to indicate the order of the departments, arranged alphabetically, and each delegation was placed under the orders of some leading man. M. Rouher, for example, organized the deputation from Auvergne, and presented the members in the saloon. When the public had entered, the Prince gave his arm to his mother and went out to the large tent to read his discourse. I went out with the rest, but the crowd, wildly shouting "Vive l'Empereur," quickly cut me off, and I was unable to get near the stand. But across a sea of heads I heard his clear, fine voice distinctly, and saw that his elocution was perfect. There was another scene of furious enthusiasm when the young Prince left the tent and walked rapidly back to the house.

THE EMPRESS AND THE PRINCE.

I found the Empress looking older than when I last met her, as a matter of course, after her great sorrows and trials, but still a very beautiful woman. She has that clear complexion which shows too plainly the ravages of time and ot care, but her blonde and still luxuriant hair, and the charming oval of her face, will never grow old. It was only after hours of most fatiguing work that she showed the signs of age which some remarked; but her sweet and winning smile, and the sympathetic glance which she gives from her limpid blue eyes, make one forget to notice other details, remarked only on close inspection. If not an Empress, she would still be called as handsome a woman of her age as can be found at any court. And to this must be added the charm of her manners, which captivate all hearts. The Empress was dressed in black, wore no ornaments whatever, and had a black bonnet, elegant in appearance, but yet very simple and unpretending. Her dress being short, she looked much smaller than usual, and less tall than when seen in the long robes of the court. The portraits of the Empress give one the idea that she is much taller than she really is. Her son has already grown a little above her, but when standing side by side there appears to be no difference in their height. The Prince Imperial is a manly young fellow, with good shoulders, an elegant form, and very clear, expressive blue eyes. His legs are precisely like his father's, short and a trifle bent, precisely like the legs of old cavalry officers who have spent their lives in the saddle. The thigh bone being comparatively short, the Prince looks taller when sitting than when standing, and everyone remarked at once this peculiarity in the Emperor. It is a peculiarity of this branch of the family only, for Prince Charles, son of Lucien Bonaparte, who was present, is one of the finest formed and handsomest men I ever saw. He is a famous sportsman and one of the best fellows in the world. He came all the way from Italy to present his respects to his young cousin. Prince Jerome refused to come from Paris. The Prince Imperial's voice is excellent, firm and distinct, and he expresses himself with great fluency, without ever being at a loss for words. His manners are a little stiff, according to French ideas, and more like those of an English lad of his age, but he is always good natured, amiable, and ready to render any possible service to his friends. He has one quality possessed by his father—a faculty of remembering faces and names—and on more than one occasion on Monday he astonished his friends by remembering persons whom he had not seen for years. This is, perhaps, the most important quality a man in his position can possess. After the deputations came the general public, and the Empress and the Prince stationed themselves in the hall for the defile. Both were worn out with fatigue before this was half over, the Empress showing great signs of weariness. Think of shaking hands with five thousand persons in a single afternoon! But the public was not yet satisfied. Lunch had been provided, and when the people had eaten they again came upon the lawn and shouted for the Prince. He went out with his mother, but had barely gone twenty paces when the crowd pressed upon him, and a frightful scene of confusion prevailed for an instant. But for the energy of the friends and of the Police, the Empress would have met Queen Olga's fate, and had her dress torn from her back. I saw M. Rouher giving some beautiful punches right and left as the crowd in its enthusiasm pressed upon the Prince. The latter laughed heartily, but seeing that his mother was frightened, (reports had been circulated that an attempt upon the Prince's life would be made,) seized her in his arms, lifted her from the ground, and ran into the hall, laughingly holding her for a moment, and then setting her down where I was standing. She raised her hands and tried to smile, but her fright was too great, and she hastily dragged the Prince into the saloon. Then her own friends repeated the scene in a smaller way, and Madame had to fly to her chamber as the only means to escape from this fond enthusiasm. The crowd still called for the Prince, and he went out upon the balcony, but the Empress refused to accompany him.

INCIDENTS.

In the rush the pickpockets made a small haul, stealing the cross of the Duc De Grammont, and the crosses of two or three other persons. The Prince lost his plaque, and a Parisian journalist his watch. But, on the whole, I never saw any fête pass off so happily. Only one man was arrested, he being a known Communist, and one man was driven from the house. A policeman came to tell his chief that a man had crept in who had no right to be there, and that he had made a chalk-mark upon his back. In a moment the individual was escorted out of doors carrying a beautiful white cross upon his left shoulder. There were a number of very touching incidents during the day. One peasant began to talk to the Prince about his farm, and suddenly startled the people around him by crying, "*C'est egal, Monseigneur, vous avez d'amis dans mon pays.*" This man had come from the Pyrenées Orientales, one of the furthest departments in France. Many men burst into tears before the Empress, and two women threw themselves upon their knees before her. These scenes sound a little ridiculous when told with *sang-froid*, but they invariably made my eyes fill with tears from sheer sympathy, and I saw all the rest behaving in the same foolish manner. One cannot help it at times, any more than we can help crying a little over a pathetic scene upon the stage. Here we had the reality. Toward evening the crowd began to file along the common again; and when nearly all were gone, those in the house bade the members of the household good-bye, with many thanks, and started once more for London. Many went back to France that night, others left the next morning, while those who could afford to do so remained for another day in London. I arrived last night, to find myself almost a hero among my French friends, who made a thousand inquiries about the Prince (the Emperor they call him) and his beloved mother; and no sooner had I shown my few ivy-leaves from the Emperor's tomb than they were seized upon and torn into small bits in order to make them go round.

THE SANBORN CONTRACTS.

STATEMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAWYER—SIGNING DOCUMENTS WITHOUT KNOWING THEIR CONTENTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—F. A. Sawyer, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, gave his testimony in the Sanborn inquiry this morning. It was of the same general character as that of the Secretary of the Treasury yesterday. Mr. Sawyer had little personal knowledge of the origin, construction or execution of these contracts. He had no more knowledge of them as Senator than had any other Senator. The routine official duties of the Treasury are so great that no time is permitted to examine the details of the great number of documents to be signed. Mr. Sawyer, in reply to Mr. Ellis H. Roberts, of New-York, declared that, practically, the Solicitor of the Treasury was the only intelligent actor in these transactions. If there had been any exercise of power beyond the law, that officer was the person directly responsible. Mr. Sawyer was himself surprised to see in print the letter to Presbery, signed by himself. He said that, had he known its contents, he never would have signed it, as it was a letter which the department had no right to give to a private citizen. In reply to Mr. Kasson, Mr. Sawyer said the Solicitor of the Treasury, however, did not determine who should have the contracts, or at what price.

Mr. Sanborn is expected to testify to-morrow.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Frederick A. Sawyer, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, made his statement this morning before the Committee on Ways and Means. He gave his recollection of the manner in which the provision authorizing the Sanborn contracts was embodied in the Legislative Appropriation bill last year. He was then a member of the Senate Appropriation Committee, but had no personal connection with the offering of that amendment in the Committee. He believed he voted for it, as he also did afterward in the Conference Committee. He denied, with some feeling, the newspaper assertions that the provision had been smuggled into the bill. On the contrary, the same proposition had been made at several previous sessions, and was openly discussed in the Appropriation Committee, in the Conference Committee, in the Senate, and in the House. He declined to give any opinion as to whether the Sanborn contract was or was not in compliance with the terms of the law. That was a technical legal question. The Solicitor of the Treasury Department was the proper officer to frame these contracts, and he presumed he had done so with proper care and attention. He had no personal knowledge of Sanborn, Presbery, or any of the persons connected with the contracts, and all his official acts in reference to them were merely formal, and done in the regular course of business. He gave an explanation of the manner of doing business in the Treasury Department, corresponding generally with that given yesterday by the Secretary, that is, that papers were brought to them for their signatures, and that where these papers were checked by the subordinate having charge of that particular branch of business they were signed without being read.

He defended the Department against imputations of having withheld important papers from the committee, and maintained his personal recollection and account of an interview with Messrs. Beck and Foster of the committee in regard to the papers, against the recollection and account given of it by those gentlemen. The point at issue, however, was not a very important one, and was merely a question of a difference in understanding what the agreement between them was. He declined to give an opinion as to the propriety of repealing, amending, or continuing the law as it is, on the ground that that was a legislative question which was to be decided by the committee and by Congress.

ASSEMBLYMAN LINCOLN.

From the New-York Graphic.

The soul of the great and good Mr. Lincoln has been vexed by the wicked newspapers which have hinted that the committee which reported the Vanderbilt bill and smothered the Eastman bill was not entirely ignorant of the fact that the railroads are able to pay cash for all their purchases. But the great and good Mr. Lincoln has been vexed in his very righteous soul by equally unpleasant insinuations made prior to the present date. There was the Hall bounty bill, by which an astute person who had bought up any quantity of bounty claims at a low rate sought to induce the State to pay them in full, giving him a profit of several hundred thousand dollars. This bill, although it was kicked out of two previous Legislatures, is now before the present Legislature, and Mr. Lincoln is its champion as he was last Winter. There have actually been men who were wicked enough to say that a great and good man like Mr. Lincoln ought not to be the advocate of such a measure. And then there was the bill to refund the taxes paid by certain banks in Montgomery County. Mr. Batcheller charged that there was an arrangement by which a large part of the amount to be refunded was to be divided between certain lawyers in the event of the passage of the bill. Mr. Eastman denounced the bill as a scheme fit only to be ranked with the Hall bounty bill, and the Assembly finally killed it by an overwhelming vote, only nine votes being given in its favor. Mr. Lincoln is said to have been the champion of the bill. And, as in the former case, there were men of exceeding baseness who said that so great and good a man ought not to be mixed up in so peculiar a business. So we see that to incur the disapprobation of reckless slanderers has been Mr. Lincoln's fate before his connection with the Vanderbilt bill. Of course he is entitled to sympathy, but he really ought to have expended a little of his indignation against those who do not like suspicious and tortuous ways, long before public indignation at the Vanderbilt rapid-transit bill induced him to parade his outraged virtue.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

The usual Passion week services of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be held in Trinity, Grace, and other churches to-day. At 11 A. M. to-morrow special Good Friday services will be held at Grace Church, at which Rev. Dr. Potter will preach. In the Roman Catholic churches the ordinary early masses will be celebrated. A solemn Pontifical high mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 11 A. M., after which the consecration of oils will take place. In the evening the churches will be open for the annual custom of visitation.

TRIAL OF REV. DR. KENDRICK.

The investigation of the charges preferred against Rev. T. T. Kendrick, Pastor of the Grand Street M. E. Church, Williamsburg, was resumed yesterday. Several witnesses were examined during the day, both for the prosecution and the defense. Their testimony was contradictory. The inquiry was adjourned at a late hour last evening until to-morrow morning.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Mr. Thurlow Weed had an interview with Mayor Havemeyer yesterday....The report of the Commissioners of Accounts relative to the Finance Department for the last quarter of 1873 is to be presented in a day or two....The Committee on Armories proceeded to the building occupied by the Twelfth Regiment and the Washington Greys yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the carpenter-work on the former, for which Stephen Knapp sent in a bill of $1,755 to the Board of Supervisors. They were accompanied by Gen. Pinckney and an expert, and will report at the next meeting of the board.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

GOV. SHEPHERD AND THE PAVING CONTRACTS.

HIS ALLEGED INTEREST IN THE PAVING COMPANIES—THE GOVERNOR DENIES UNDER OATH ANY CONNECTION WITH THEM OR WITH KILBOURN AND LATTA.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—In the District investigation to-day a scrap of evidence was introduced bearing upon the most vital points of the charges. It has been repeatedly asserted, publicly and privately, by those who are pushing on the investigation, although it does not appear as a definite count in the indictment made to the committee, that Gov. Shepherd was indirectly interested in the profits of paving contracts with the Board of Public Works. The charge of dishonesty on the part of the board, and especially the Governor, is the really vital point which is to be decided by the investigation, though no evidence of consequence has been brought forward to sustain it. To-day T. T. Fowler, in a somewhat extended examination by the committee, swore that in August, 1871, as a representative of one paving company, he called upon Gov. Shepherd, who was a member of the Metropolitan Paving Company, to endeavor to consolidate the two companies and prevent competition in the bids for the paving of Pennsylvania avenue. He said that Gov. Shepherd alluded to the prospect of a change in the form of government in the District, and said that his connection with that government would probably be such that he did not wish to appear in the transactions, and he referred the witness to Mr. Kilbourn. Witness said that on his mind Gov. Shepherd left the impression that he was secretly interested in transactions in which he did not want to be publicly known. Witness afterward swore that these conversations were prior to the incorporation of the paving companies referred to, and prior to the formation of the present District Government; so that he had undoubtedly made a mistake of a year in the date first mentioned. The conversation, if it occurred, must have been held in 1870, instead of 1871, and about nine months before the time when Gov. Shepherd assumed the duties under his appointment to the Board of Public Works. At that time there could have been no impropriety in Gov. Shepherd taking the entire contract for paving Pennsylvania avenue, if he had so desired, as it was done under a commission designated in the law passed by Congress before the Board of Public Works was organized, and Mr. Shepherd then held no official position. The memoralists claim that this evidence given by Mr. Fowler tends to prove that, prior to the formation of the new Government, a scheme had been made to improve the city, and to create a demand for pavements which should afterward be "gobbled up" for the benefit of those concerned.

Gov. Shepherd was permitted, after Fowler had finished his testimony, to make a statement under oath. He had no recollection of the conversation referred to, but said it might have occurred, and if it had he denied that there could have been anything said which would admit the inference that he had any connection with the paving company which he desired to conceal. When the Metropolitan Paving Company was incorporated he held some of the stock, and he also held a small quantity of stock in the Portland Artificial Stone Company, but a few days after his appointment to the Board of Public Works, he sold out both interests absolutely. Gov. Shepherd, in reply to a question from Mr. Hubble, stated that he had no interest, direct or indirect, in any manner whatever, in either of the companies, or any paving company, or any contract let by the Board of Public Works. He denied that he had any business relations whatever with Kilbourn and Latta, and, in answer to a question, stated that Kilbourn and Latta did not and never had held a single dollar's worth of land as trustees for him.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—During the morning session of the District of Columbia investigation, to-day, some half dozen witnesses were examined with reference to special assessments for improvements, the burden of the testimony being that property-owners were assessed for more work than could be shown to have been done. Testimony was also given showing that street railways were not required to pay any tax for the portions of carriage-way improved by the board and used for their tracks. In this connection, Gov. Shepherd explained that on certain streets improved by the board, where charters had been granted for street railways, the companies were notified by the board and requested to lay their sleepers while the street was being improved, to prevent the pavement being torn up after once being put down. This was generally done. The streets were improved and the assessments made against the property. At the time assessments were so made the street railways were not finished, and the board took legal advice as to the question of assessing the companies, the result of which was that they were not assessed. When such railways passed along the boundaries of or through Government property, the Government were treated precisely as were the property-owners.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Christie, for the memorialists, called the attention of the committee to the statutes at large containing the law appropriating $10,000, provided that the corporation or District of Columbia Government would appropriate an equal amount to repair the old cobble pavement on the Pennsylvania avenue, west of Fifteenth street, after which he called S. D. Castleman, who testified that the Board of Public Works discarded that act, and put down the new pavement on that avenue at a cost largely greater than the $20,000 contemplated under the act of Congress referred to.

T. T. Fowler testified that he was interested in the National Paving Company of 1871, that it was thought best to consolidate this company with the Metropolis Paving Company and with the Ballard Company, in which witness was interested; that in August, 1871, he called on Mr. A. R. Shepherd, who was interested in the Metropolis Company, in company with several others, to talk the matter over and see what could be done to bring about that object. Saw Shepherd in his office, and after a preliminary conversation Shepherd took witness aside and stated that, in view of the relation he expected to bear to the new District Government, he did not want to be known as having any interest in paving companies; that witness could see Hallett Kilbourn, and whatever arrangement witness and Kilbourn could make would be all right for him (Shepherd.) Witness understood by that that Shepherd was willing to have a secret interest in the paving contracts, and that he proposed to have that interest represented through Kilbourn. Witness knows that Kilbourn saw Shepherd in relation to the matter. The consolidation was not accomplished, however. This took place about the time—August, 1871—when Pennsylvania avenue, from First to Fifteenth streets, was to be paved, under Mayor Emery, and the proposal had reference to a combination to do that work. The object in trying to get a consolidation of the then existing paving companies was to prevent competition in the proposals for that work. Witness got none of that work. The Metropolis Company, in which Shepherd was interested, did get a portion of it to do.

Gov. Shepherd requested leave to make a statement here under oath, alleging that Fowler's testimony was a slander, and expressing a desire that his refutal might go to the public with the charge.

After a private consultation the committee decided to hear Gov. Shepherd in explanation.

Gov. Shepherd then stated that he owned stock in the Portland Stone Company and in the Metropolitan Paving Company in the year 1870. The act of Congress for paving Pennsylvania avenue passed that year. In that act Mayor Emery and Gen. Michler, then Commissioners of Public Buildings, were named as a commission to decide upon the kind of pavement to be laid. They selected four kinds of wood blocks. The pavement was put down in the Winter of 1870 and early in the Spring of 1871. The act of Congress organizing the new Territorial Government did not pass till the middle of February, 1871. He (Mr. Shepherd) was was appointed a member of the Board of Public Works in March, and the Board did not go into operation till the 1st of June, 1871, six months after the pavement referred to by Mr. Fowler was laid. The Governor then referred to the printed testimony of the last year's investigation, wherein he had testified that he had disposed outright of all the interest he had in the Portland Stone and the Metropolis Paving Companies immediately upon being appointed a member of the Board of Public Works. Gov. Shepherd reiterated this testimony, and said that neither himself nor any one of his relatives had an interest, or had had an interest, in any contract or patents of other pavement since he had been a member of the board. He would not even suffer his brother-in-law, Mr. S. G. Young, to hold an interest which he (Gov. Shepherd) had bought for him in 1870 in the Metropolis Paving Company, but sold it out, together with his own interest in the Portland Stone Company.

Gov. Shepherd stated that Fowler might have called on him some time or other in relation to the consolidation he referred to, but he could not recollect anything about it, and called the attention of the committee to the fact that Fowler testified that this took place in August, 1871, while in fact the pavement which Fowler said he wanted to lay through his proposed combination, had actually been laid down six months.

Gov. Shepherd stated, in addition, that he had never held an interest with Hallett Kilbourn in any paving, or any other contract, nor had Kilbourn ever held any property of his as Trustee.

W. H. Clagett testified at length, criticising the acts of the Board of Public Works, and characterizing the Sewer law and the manner of its passage by the Legislature, holding that said law was never legally passed. This witness was a member of the Legislature at the time the law referred to was passed.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

ACTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF JEFFERSONVILLE, IND.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., April 1.—The Common Council of this city passed an ordinance last night, by only two majority, requiring liquor-dealers to pay $500 for a license. This being regarded as an excessive tax, it meets the disapproval of many good citizens, and will result in the election, at the coming city election, of an entire new Council. The proscriptive manner in which the temperance element is thus brought to bear, is driving several of our best German citizens to Louisville, and, instead of tending to build up and sustain a live mercantile and commercial city, is fast producing a stagnant condition of business in all its departments.

LOCAL NOTICES.

The Resolute Society of Good Templars, Hope Lodge No. 11, met last evening in the basement of the Church of the Disciples, Madison avenue and Forty-fifth street, Richard Woodbridge presiding. An address was made by Mr. Doran, who stated that a year ago it would have been impossible to obtain the use of a church to carry on the temperance cause, but now affairs were changed. He made an earnest appeal to the ladies to assist in the work and make it a success. Whenever this curse came into the bosom of a family happiness fled away. The speaker concluded by reciting Tom Hood's affecting poem, the "Bridge of Sighs." An address was also delivered by Mr. Parks, followed by a recitation of "Skipper Ireson's Ride" by Charles Seaver, and a song from Miss M. Macomber. A pledge was circulated, and obtained many signatures, as was also a petition memorializing the Mayor, Board of Police, and Board of Excise to enforce the Sunday Liquor Law, which was signed by nearly all present.

A call was yesterday issued for a meeting of ladies interested in the advancement of the temperance cause to assemble in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., at 3 P. M., to organize a Women's Central Union. Each pastor in the City is requested to select two members of his congregation to attend the meeting.

Over 100 ministers of various denominations have signed the paper entitled "The Voice of Clergymen against Alcohol," recently issued from the rooms of the National Temperance Society.

Dr. Dio Lewis is expected to visit Rahway, N. J., to-morrow evening, and he will make an effort to organize a praying band to visit the different saloons in the city.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement:

Debt Bearing Interest in Coin.	
Bonds at six per cent	$1,214,663,150 00
Bonds at five per cent	509,243,450 00
Principal	$1,723,906,600 00
Interest	29,294,940 75
Debt bearing Interest in Lawful Money.	
Certificates of Indebtedness at four per cent	$678,000 00
Navy pension fund at three per cent	14,000,000 00
Principal	$14,678,000 00
Interest	107,580 00
Debt on which Interest has Ceased since Maturity.	
Principal	$6,852,800 26
Interest	255,075 45
Debt Bearing no Interest.	
Old demand and legal-tender notes	$382,076,837 50
Certificates of deposit	51,720,000 00
Fractional currency	49,102,660 27
Coin certificates	37,045,000 00
Principal	$519,944,497 77
Unclaimed Interest	19,064 84
Total Debt.	
Principal	$2,265,381,898 03
Interest	29,676,661 04
Total	$2,295,058,559 07
Cash in the Treasury.	
Coin	$86,121,379 26
Currency	$4,526,451 31
Special deposits held for redemption of certificates of deposit, as provided by law	$51,720,000 00
Total	$142,367,830 57
Debt less Cash in the Treasury.	
April 1, 1874	$2,152,690,728 50
March 2, 1874	2,154,880,066 96*
Increase of debt during past month	$2,189,338 46
Increase of debt since June 30, 1873	4,872,014 93
Bonds Issued to Pacific Railroad Companies, Interest payable in Lawful Money.	
Principal outstanding	$64,623,512 00
Interest accrued, and not yet paid	969,352 68
Interest paid by United States	22,386,691 62
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, &c	5,051,367 72
Balance of interest paid by the United Saates	17,335,323 89

THE SEVENTY-FIRST'S ARMORY.

The following letter from the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation has been made public:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW-YORK, March 20, 1874.

Col. Richard Vose, Colonel commanding Seventy-first Infantry:

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 18th inst. to the Counsel to the Corporation was duly received. The litigation in reference to the lease of the armory corner Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street was commenced in June of last year. A mandamus proceeding was commenced to enforce the payment of certain rent alleged to be due under the lease. Counsel to the Corporation appeared before the court and submitted affidavits showing that the rent was exorbitant. The court thereupon refused to issue a peremptory writ of mandamus requiring the payment of the rent, but allowed an alternative writ to issue directing the Controller to pay the rent, or show cause why it should not be paid. To that writ a return was interposed on behalf of the Controller, setting up that the lease was void for fraud, and the County therefore was not liable for the rent. Since this return to the alternative writ was filed no further proceedings have been had in the case.

Yours truly,
GEORGE P. ANDREWS,
Assistant Counsel to the Corporation.

PROF. PROCTOR'S LECTURE ON THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

Last evening Prof. Proctor delivered his lecture on the "Coming Transit of Venus," at the Cooper Institute, before a large and attentive audience. His clear and lucid explanations of the methods by which the transit of this planet across the sun's disc would be made useful in determining many important points which are as yet unsettled by astronomers, gave much satisfaction. He explained the different methods of taking the requisite observations as suggested by Halley and Delisle, illustrating them by diagrams. He also referred to the great importance of the exactness of the observations to be made, as upon them depended the estimate of all the dimensions of the planetary system. America, he said, had done more than her share in making preparations for this matter, as so many as seven stations would be occupied by North American observers in the northern regions, besides sending other observers to the southern regions. The path of the coming transit, and the points of view from which it would be observed by the astronomers sent by the several Governments, were shown by the aid of well-drawn maps and plans, and by the stereoptican. He also spoke of the part he had taken while in Europe in urging the necessity for the establishment of stations, and of early preparations being made in expectation of the event, in all of which he was happily successful. The lecture was heard with great attention throughout, and Prof. Proctor was heartily applauded when he closed his remarks.

DISTINGUISHED LITERARY CHARACTERS.

LECTURE BY MR. JAMES T. FIELDS, OF BOSTON, AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH, BROOKLYN.

Yesterday evening a lecture was delivered by Mr. James T. Fields, of Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston, on "Distinguished Literary Characters," to an appreciative audience, in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. He commenced his discourse by showing the effects produced by the various kinds of fiction from the period of the appearance of the *Vicar of Wakefield* and *Pilgrim's Progress*. The early novelist, he did not dwell on further than pointing them out as being so many magicians keeping their wand hanging over their readers, causing them night and day alternately to cry and laugh. He dwelt particularly on the fact that a profligate English monarch and a corrupt court were instrumental in developing fiction, which afterward became a healthy literature. People then liked strange names, silly tales and rude jests—now people are more select, and wish to obtain something that feeds the imagination. At the same time it must be remembered a considerable ragé exists for novels little superior to the ribald productions of the time of the Georges in England. Sir Walter Scott was the first he spoke of to any extent. A world without Scott, he said, would not be perfect. He considered his style grand, pure, and impressive; compared him to Thackeray, Dickens, and Shakespeare, and asserted that his head was the clearest, and heart the soundest, in all Scotland. The Waverley novels reflected the splendor of his genius; they are always new, and seemed as acceptable now as when first published, arousing the anxious desire of the lovers of literature to devour them. He said there are three eras in life—admiration, action, and reason; that Scott's writings infused hope and confidence, and were companions that never tired. Maria Edgeworth he described as a sterling writer, who did not imitate, and in speaking of her perseverance he introduced the name of Harriet Beecher Stowe, which elicited applause. She was described as having been in extreme poverty, and surrounded by such difficulties that a famished wolf seemed perpetually at her door. At night she read and wrote, and succeeded in her exertions. Bulwer Lytton was the next, but he unmercifully denounced him as a sower of mischief and poisoner of intellects. Smooth language, he said, concealed a deadly weapon, more destructive not being seen. Although Mr. Fields prefaced his remarks by saying he would tread lightly as possible on new-made graves, and had no doubt some of the audience would take offense, yet he was unsparing in his denunciations. He said if Bulwer Lytton wrote in a moral strain, it resembled a fly walking through a glue-pot, and showed utter contempt for the poor and suffering. Charles Dickens, he said, was diametrically opposite, fond of inculcating everything good and virtuous; he had no superior in recent times, and was indefatigable in his labors, never flinching from work. He termed him the Apostle of Justice and standard-bearer of the poor, and recommended the perusal and study of his works in preference to the filthy literary trash so abundant. This kind of senseless reading, he said, poisoned the mind and diverted the imagination to the most pernicious and abominable customs, being a literature addressed to the nerves and not to the heart. A Frenchman said to Mr. Fields, if he had absolute control of novel-writing in France, it would be possible in a short time to induce men to eat human flesh, and think murder no crime. Another instance of healthy literature was Thackeray, who read everything, and tried to learn from all, but was original in his works. He selected the sweets from Greek, Latin, and other languages, and clothed them in his own style. Another model was Cooper, of whom the lecturer said the English language should cease when Cooper ceases to be read, but regretted the people of America were so slow in appreciating him. The next introduced was a greater favorite—Washington Irving, at the time of whose birth wars and rumors of wars prevailed. He was humorous in his writing, and his Knickerbocker biographies and *Sketch Book* showed the variety and beauty of his descriptive powers. After a slight mention of Miss Evans, Capt. Marryatt, Chas. Lever, Hawthorne, Trollope, and James, he concluded by recommending a moral, instructing, healthy literature, believing that the future will produce men superior to any the world has yet seen.

OBITUARY.

PETER ANDREAS HANSEN, ASTRONOMER.

Peter Andreas Hansen, the German astronomer, whose death is announced by cable, was born in Fondern, Schleswig, on the 8th of December, 1795. In 1825 he became Professor of Astronomy and Director of the Observatory at Seeberg, near Gotha, and held that position until his death. His writings on the perturbeation of the moon excited a good deal of attention, as did also his works on other branches of astronomical research.

STRIKE OF COAL MINERS.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 1.—The coal miners at Hocking Valley are on a strike, and a party of Columbus Police went to Straitsville to-day to preserve order. The cause of the strike is reported to be as follows: This year the operators wish to weigh the coal, while heretofore they have paid for bank measure in the mine. The miners ask three cents per bushel, or seventy-five cents per ton, and pay for nut coal. The operators desire to keep out nut coal and pay, for the year, three cents.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

Mr. A. M. Palmer has forwarded the sum of $5,000, the amount appropriated by the managers of the Theatrical Charity fund to St. John's Guild, and Mr. Wiswall has acknowledged its receipt.

KILL DANDRUFF, keep the scalp clean and the hair in beautiful condition by the use of the Phalon Hair Invigorator. There is nothing like it. Beware of substitutes. Morse Manufacturing Co., No. 9 Gold st., New-York.—*Advertisement.*

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A sallow or yellow color of skin, or yellowish brown spots on face and other parts of body; dullness and drowsiness with frequent headache; dizziness, bitter or bad taste in mouth, dryness of throat and internal heat; palpitation; in many cases a dry, teasing cough, with sore throat; unsteady appetite, raising of food, choking sensation in throat; distress, heaviness, bloated or full feeling about stomach and sides, pain in sides, back, or breast, and about shoulders; colic, pain, and soreness through bowels, with heat; constipation alternating with diarrhea; piles, flatulence, nervousness, coldness of extremities; rush of blood to head, with symptoms of apoplexy, numbness of limbs, especially at night; cold chills alternating with hot flashes, kidney, and urinary difficulties; dullness, low sp

THE STATE OF TRADE.

ST. LOUIS, April 1.—Flour dull and lower at $3 75@$4 25 for Superfine Winter; $4 50@$6 for Extra do. $5 75@$8 50 for Double Extra do. Wheat dull and drooping; only small samples lots sold. Corn firm and in fair demand at 38@38½c. for No. 2 Mixed at Rail and in elevator; 39½c. for Regular. Oats slow at 25c.@25½c. for No. 2 in elevator. Barley dull; small business; sales of prime to choice Minnesota at $1 60@$1 70. Rye slow at 98c.@99c. Whisky steady at 93c. Pork higher at $15 65 up country; $16@$16 25 here. Dry-salted Meats nominally firm; nothing doing. Bacon firm at 7c. for Shoulders; 9½c.@9¾c. for Clear Rib Sides; 9¾c. for Clear Sides. Lard steady at 9c. Live Hogs weak at $4 75@$5 for light; $5@$5 25 for medium; $5 30@$5 60 for heavy. Cattle firm and better; sales of prime to choice Minnesota at $1 60@$4

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NO EXTRA CHARGE WHATEVER.

A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN would like to take care of young children, sew, and do light chamber-work; a family in the country preferred. Address M. U., Box No. 176 *Times* Office.

A NUMBER OF GOOD, RELIABLE SERVants, of all nations, for City or country, (some German girls,) at the HOME BUREAU, No. 138 6th av., above 10th st. Conducted by American ladies.

AT PELTON & CO.'S, NO. 645 6TH AV., FOE merly with Bedell, competent and reliable servants, Protestant and Catholic; City and country; also waiters, coachmen, &c.

AT THE FRENCH BUREAU, NO. 621 6TH av., between 36th and 37th sts., families can find first-class servants, of all nations, males and females.

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CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A neat and tidy young woman; is an experienced chamber-maid and an excellent waitress; can furnish the very best of reference; country preferred. Can be seen at Odell's Agency, No. 109 West 34th st., corner Broadway. Inquire for M. O.

CHAMBER-MAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY a Swedish Protestant young woman; is an experienced chamber-maid and an excellent seamstress; can furnish the very best City references from last place. Inquire for J., at Odell's Swedish Bureau, No. 109 West 34th st., corner Broadway.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A respectable girl, who understands the duties of a thorough chamber-maid, and is an excellent waitress; is willing and obliging; best testimonials from former employer. Call at No. 621 6th av., between 36th and 37th sts., up stairs.

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CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A SWEDISH GIRL twenty-eight years of age; has lived out four years, and can furnish excellent City references; speaks good English. Call at the Swedish Office, 108 East 27th st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT woman as chamber-maid; will assist with washing; City or country. Call or address No. 210 West 17th st., fourth bell.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER—CHAMBERmaid and Waitress.—By two colored young women who have the very best of reference; one as good family cook and laundress; the other as chamber-maid and waitress; wages moderate; no objection to the country. Can be seen at Odell's Agency, No. 109 West 34th st., corner Broadway. Inquire for M. P. and J. T.

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COOK.—BY A STEADY, RESPECTABLE WOMAN, who understands her business thoroughly in every branch; is an excellent meat cook and good baker; will take a place in the country, as she understands the care of cows, and butters and cures her own meat. Call at Carpenter's, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

COOK.—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT YOUNG woman; highly respectable, and excellent cook; country or City; meats, games, soups, pastry, creams, jellies, preserves; good baker; will speak very best testimonials; honest, sober, obliging. Call at Bookham's, No. 309 4th av., corner 23d st.

COOK, &c.—CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A Scotch Protestant and sister; City or country; one is a thorough cook and laundress; the other is a thorough chamber-maid, waitress, or seamstress; have several years' references. Can be seen at the Home Bureau, 138 6th av., above 10th st., over the drug store.

COOK, &c.—IN COUNTRY OR CITY BY A COOK, washer and ironer in a private family or boarding-house, or fluting laundress; does French fluting; mrs. Whitfield's, No. 110 6th av., corner 9th st., next to Park & Tilford's grocery store.

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COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A tidy, respectful girl; is a good family cook, and can do washing and ironing nicely; two years' reference from former place; is willing and obliging. Call at No. 621 6th av., between 36th and 37th sts., up stairs.

COOK, WASHER AND IRONER, OR HOUSEwork.—By a first-class German girl; is fully capable; best City reference. Apply at Mrs. Lowe's, No. 316 and 318 Bowery, entrance on Bleecker st.

COOK—WAITER—BY A MIDDLE-AGED MAN AND wife (English Protestants) as cook and waiter in a private family; understand the various duties belonging to each thoroughly; if together wages not so much an object as a comfortable home. Apply at Bedell's, No. 640 4th av.

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DRESS-MAKER.—BY A COMPETENT DRESSmaker (colored), a few customers by the day or week; terms, $3 a week; City reference; operates on Wheeler & Wilson's and other machines. Address V. R. O., *Times* Up-Town Office, No. 54½ West 32d st.

DRESS-MAKER.—BY A COMPETENT DRESSmaker who has two days in the week disengaged, would like two or three customers. Address Miss J. G., No. 140 West 16th st.

DRESS-MAKER.—BY A GOOD DRESS-MAKER, to work in families by the day; terms moderate. Call or address Dress-maker, No. 215 West 31st st., in the store.

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HOUSE-WORK.—BY A YOUNG SWEDISH GIRL, for general work, or cooking, washing, and ironing; makes good bread, biscuit, &c.; is a good laundress; is obliging, good-tempered, and kind to children; wishes a steady place; City or country. Call at No. 106 6th av., over blue store.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A WILLING, INDUSTRIOUS young girl, who is a good plain cook, nice washer and ironer, and willing to make herself generally useful wherever her services may be required; good recommendations. Call at Carpenter's, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A YOUNG GIRL; HAS BEEN taught to do well everything about a house and house-work; has no parents; wages no object; City or country; is kind, tidy, active, and willing; has good reference. Can be seen at the Home Bureau, No. 138 6th av., above 10th st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A GOOD SERVANT TO DO house-work; makes bread and is a good laundress and plain cook; good reference; medium wages; City or country. Apply at Mrs. Whitfield's, 110 6th av., corner 9th st., next to Park & Tilford's grocery store.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY TWO SMART GIRLS TO go together to do the house-work of a small family; willing and obliging; City or country; best City reference. Apply at No. 106 West 20th st.

LADIES WISHING TO LEARN CUTTING and fitting by measure, only eight days required. Miss SMITH, Dress-maker, No. 532 East 5th st., ring third bell. Cutting hours from 1 to 4.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A NORTH OF IRELAND PROtestant young woman, who understands her duties thoroughly in every branch; is a first-class family laundress; can flute, puff, polish, and do up fine garments in best style; will go in the country; best recommendations. Call at Carpenter's, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS; understands French fluting and box fluting; can do up all kinds of gentlemen's fine linen; country or City; will do chamber-work. Call at No. 309 4th av., corner 23d st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG Protestant woman as first-class laundress; understands her business in all its branches; has excellent City reference. Apply at Bedell's, No. 640 4th av.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A COMPETENT YOUNG WOMan as first-class laundress in a private family; excellent reference. Call at No. 325 West 17th st.

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NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG GIRL TO take care of children; willing to make herself generally useful; good references. Call at No. 214 West 54th st.

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SEAMSTRESS.—BY A SCOTCH WOMAN AS SEAMstress, either in City or country; would assist in the care of children; good references. Apply at W. W. P. Union, No. 38 Bleecker st.

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WAITRESS OR CHAMBER-MAID AND Waitress.—By a very respectable Welsh young woman; is a very good waitress, also chamber-maid; or will take a nurse's place; country or City; very best City testimonials; kind and neat. Call at Bookham's, No. 309 4th av.

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COACHMAN.—BY A SINGLE YOUNG PROTESTANT man as coachman or groom; thoroughly understands the care of horses and his duties in every respect; excellent City reference. Address T. H., Box No. 30 *Times* Up-town Office, No. 54½ West 32d st.

COACHMAN.—BY A THOROUGHLY COMPETENT man of long experience; understands the business in all its branches; unexceptionable City reference. Address A. D., No. 5 West 23d st., under Fifth Avenue Hotel.

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COACHMAN, GARDENER, &c.—BY A SWEDE, aged twenty-five years; speaks fair English; can take care of cattle and horses, drive, milk, work in garden, act as porter, &c.; good recommendations. Call at Carpenter's, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

COACHMAN.—BY A YOUNG COLORED MAN AS coachman and gardener; will be useful man in a gentleman's place; has four years' reference, and is obliging, honest, and temperate; City or country. Call at No. 106 6th av., over blue store.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A RELIABLE young Scotchman, who knows his business thoroughly; can milk; will come highly recommended; City or country. Address Coachman, No. 40 East 32d st.

COACHMAN.—BY A PROTESTANT MAN, WHO understands the care of horses and carriages; sober and careful driver; best of City and country references; seven years in his last place. Address Coachman, Box No. 47 Up-town *Times* Office, No. 54½ West 32d st.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A PROTESTant single man who perfectly understands his business; can milk and work a small garden if required; very good City reference. Address C. M., Box No. 235 *Times* Office.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A PROTESTant man, with the best of City references for seven years; would go a short distance in the country; will be found willing and obliging. Call or address W. G., No. 401 4th av., for two days.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A MARRIED man; small family; is excellent groom; careful, steady driver; strictly temperate; obliging; refers to his late employer, L. D. White, 18 Wall st., two days.

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COACHMAN.—FIRST-CLASS, PROTESTANT, good City driver; is a practical training groom; good City reference; understands treatment of horses when sick. Address T. S., care of J. B. Brewster, No. 145 East 25th st.

COACHMAN.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COACHMAN; best of reference given. Call or address Nelson Arnaud, No. 132 West 30th st.

COACHMAN.—BY A HIGHLY COMPETENT MAN; married; good reference; no objection to City or county. Call or address L. H., No. 124 West 46th st.

COACHMAN.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COLORED coachman; expert at his business in every respect; excellent reference. Call or address 206 West 17th st.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY A PROTestant man; married, one child; is a good driver; can milk, and is willing to make himself generally useful; good references from present employer. Address S. W., Rutherford Park, Bergen County, N. J.

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GARDENER.—BY A SINGLE MAN WHO UNDERstands his business in all its branches; greenhouse, hot or cold graperies, fruits, vegetables, laying out new places; has best of references. Address J. M. G., Box No. 227 *Times* Office.

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GARDENER.—BY AN ENGLISHMAN, SINGLE; has a thorough practical experience of his business in all branches; a situation with glass preferred; good references from English and American employers. Address H. H., Bridgeman's seed store, No. 876 Broadway.

GARDENER AND FARMER.—BY A THOROough German; married; Protestant; has had a large experience in first-class gardening and farming. Address Lex, No. 67 Nassau st.

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GARDENER.—BY A RESPECTABLE MARRIED man as first-class gardener; thoroughly understands his business in all its branches; first-class recommendations from last employer. Address C. E., seedsman, No. 67 Nassau st.

GARDENER.—BY A SINGLE MAN AS GARDENER; practical in all its branches; first-class references. Address, for three days, G., care Florist, No. 907 Broadway.

GARDENER.—BY A SCOTCHMAN; MARRIED, one child; has a thorough knowledge of every branch of the business; can furnish good reference; farmers need not apply. Address J. H., 876 Broadway.

USEFUL MAN—COOK, WASHER, AND IRONer.—By a Protestant man and wife, aged thirty-five years; no children; man can take care of horses, drive, care cattle, milk, do gardening, farm-work, &c.; wife is a good cook, washer, and ironer; good recommendations. Call at Carpenter's, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

WATCHMAN OR JANITOR.—BY THE YEAR, by a colored man, in the City or country, in any place of trust; can furnish the best of reference of five years' from last employer as to honesty, temperance, and industry. Address D. S. Brown, Box. No. 187 Morris town, N. J.

WAITER.—BY A PROTESTANT MIDDLE-AGED man in a private family as waiter; understands his business thoroughly and taking charge of silver, and also makes good salads, and has the best of references from his two last places. Address H. D., Box No. 69 *Times* Up-town Office, No. 54½ West 32d st.

WAITER.—BY A THOROUGHLY EFFICIENT French waiter; speaks English perfectly, and understands his duties in every respect; unexceptionable City reference. Address John, Box No. 22 *Times* Up-town Office, No. 54½ West 32d st.

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MALES.

WAITER.—BY A YOUNG SWEDE; IS THREE months in this country; speaks good English; will make himself useful; no objection to the country; small wages expected. Call at the Swedish Office, No. 108 East 27th st., near 4th av.

WAITER.—BY A PROTESTANT MAN, SINGLE, AS first-class waiter; understands his business perfectly; has three years' City reference from his last place; City or country. Apply at A. Pelton & Co., No. 645 6th av., near 38th st.

WAITER.—BY A MAN WHO THOROUGHLY understands all the duties of waiter; salads, &c.; is a good carver, and an efficient dining-room attendent; good City references. Address Waiter, Box No. 98 *Times* Up-town Office, No. 54½ West 32d st.

WAITER.—BY A CHINAMAN AS WAITER IN PRIvate family; can take charge of dining-room; can speak good English; wages cheap. Call at news-stand 10th st. and 6th av., from 10 to 5 o'clock. Charles Archew.

HELP WANTED.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED.—IN A PRIVATE family a Protestant housekeeper, who thoroughly understands her duties, and is fully competent to take charge of a first-class City residence. Address, with name, references, and terms, Box No. 1,033 Post Office.

WANTED—A FRENCH NURSE WHO SPEAKS A little English, for three large children; must be a good seamstress; none need apply without the best references. Call from 9 until 11 A. M., at No. 34 West 22d st.

WANTED—A YOUNG, ACTIVE, AND TIDY WOMan as competent cook; reference required; one preferred who has lived in a gentleman's family at home. Apply at No. 44 West 17th st., between 10 and 2 o'clock.

WANTED—BY A PHILADELPHIA CLOTH HOUSE, two first-class salesmen, who have a good established trade through Ohio and the West. Address Box No. 2,314 Philadelphia Post Office.

WANTED—A MAN OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE as assistant superintendent for a fancy cassimere and shawl mill. Address or apply to THOMAS DOLAN & CO., Philadelphia.

WANTED—A HOUSE-MAID, A SEAMSTRESS, AND a laundress; must be English, German, Swiss, or Scotch. Apply, with written references, at No. 381 5th av., Thursday morning, from 10 until 3 o'clock.

WANTED—A GERMAN OR FRENCH LADY'S MAID; must be willing to assist with the chamber-work. Call on Thursday morning, between 9 and 11 o'clock, at No. 8 North Washington square.

WANTED—A GERMAN OR SWEDE COOK, TO AS sist with the washing and ironing; good City references required. Apply between 1 and 5 o'clock, at No. 43 West 38th st.

PROOF-READER WANTED—TO GO OUT OF the City. Apply by letter, with references, to SMITH & McDOUGAL, No. 82 Beekman st.

WANTED—A MAN AS WAITER WHO THOROUGHly understands his business. Apply for two days, between 2 and 3 o'clock P. M., at No. 114 East 16th st.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED COPYIST AND ENgrosser in a law office. Address, stating terms and references, Box No. 621, Post Office.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THE FIRM OF FRANCIS T. WALKER & CO. is this day dissolved. Either partner will sign in liquidation. The business will be continued by a LIMITED PARTNERSHIP formed by the undersigned, the terms of which are stated below.
Dated New-York, March 31, 1874.
FRANCIS T. WALKER,
JOSIAH B. GREENMAN.

NOTICE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.—This is to certify that the undersigned, JOSIAH B. GREENMAN and FRANCIS T. WALKER, have formed a limited partnership pursuant to the laws of the State of New-York; that the name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted is FRANCIS T. WALKER & CO., that being the first name of the general partner, and of which the said JOSIAH B. GREENMAN and FRANCIS T. WALKER were the partners; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is that of buying and selling goods, wares, and merchandise; that the above-named JOSIAH B. GREENMAN, who resides in the City of Brooklyn, is the general partner, and the above-named FRANCIS T. WALKER, who resides in the City of New-York, is the special partner, and that the said FRANCIS T. WALKER has contributed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars as capital to the common stock, and that the said partnership is to commence on the 1st day of April, 1874, and is to terminate on the 1st day of April, 1875.
Dated New-York, April 1, 1874.
JOSIAH B. GREENMAN, General Partner.
FRANCIS T. WALKER, Special Partner.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE UNDERsigned JACOB H. HERRICK, whose place of abode is the City of New-York, in the County and State of New-York, and ADON SMITH, Jr., whose place of abode is the same place, who, down to the date hereof, have been copartners, and as such have used the copartnership name of JACOB H. HERRICK & CO., have this day dissolved partnership, and that the said JACOB H. HERRICK will, from the date hereof, solely and alone continue, under the same firm name of JACOB H. HERRICK & CO., the business heretofore conducted by him and the said ADON SMITH, Jr.
Dated No. 1 State st., New-York, March 28, 1874.
JACOB H. HERRICK,
ADON SMITH, Jr.
In presence of GORDON S. BUCK.

The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of JACOB H. HERRICK & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation.
New-York, No. 1 State st., March 28, 1874.
JACOB H. HERRICK,
ADON SMITH, Jr.

Office of Britton, Van Vechten & Co., No. 5 New st., New-York.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTing under the firm name of BRITTON, VAN VECHTEN & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
CHARLES P. BRITTON,
JOHN VAN VECHTEN,
ROBERT G. MOTT.
New-York, March 31, 1874.

Office of Britton, Van Vechten & Co., No. 5 New st., New-York.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of BRITTON, VAN VECHTEN & CO. for the transaction of a general commission business in stocks, bonds, &c.
CHARLES P. BRITTON,
JOHN VAN VECHTEN,
CHARLES L. RATHBORNE,
Member of the New-York Stock Exchange.
New-York, April 1, 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY FORMed a copartnership under the firm name of SOUTHARD & CO.,
and will continue business as Commission Merchants and Dealers in
TIMBER AND LUMBER.
Office, No. 121 Front st., New-York.
CHARLES C. SOUTHARD,
Formerly foot of West 13th st., New-York.
GEORGE H. SOUTHARD,
Formerly of J. Bigler & Co., Newburg, N. Y.
FRANCIS S. SOUTHARD,
Formerly of Henry Souther & Co., Boston.

No. 114 Atlantic st., Brooklyn, N. Y., March 28, 1874.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTing between the undersigned, under the firm name of J. & J. ADAMS & SON, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, R. S. PENNOYER withdrawing therefrom. The business will be continued at the old stand by J. Q. ADAMS.
J. Q. ADAMS,
R. S. PENNOYER.

No. 18 Wall st., New-York, April 1, 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership under the firm name of W. H. GLADWIN & CO., for the transaction of a general banking and stock-brokerage business.
W. H. GLADWIN,
Member New-York Stock Exchange.
J. VAN SCHAICK ODDIE,
Member New-York Stock Exchange.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of LANCASTER, BREWER & CO., expired by limitation 31st December, 1873. J. CAMPBELL LANCASTER, of the City of New-York, have retired, and the obligations of the late firm have been assumed by the subscribers, who will continue the business under the same style.
R. A. LANCASTER.
J. WILLCOX BROWN.

NOTICE.—THE CO-PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of J. E. HAMMOND & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. S. HUNTING is authorized to sign the firm name in liquidation.
J. E. HAMMOND.
S. HUNTING.
N. L. HUNTING.
New-York, April 1, 1874.

WE HAVE THIS DAY FORMED A COPARTNERship under the firm name of DELLINGER, TREICHEL & CO. for the transaction of a stock, bond and gold business on commission only.
New-York, April 1, 1874.
E. DELLINGER,
W. P. C. TREICHEL,
S. L. CRAWFORD.

Pennsauken, April 1, 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY associated themselves together as copartners under the firm name of FINCH & WHIPPLE as successors of the late firm of E. B. FINCH & SON, in the Peekskill Bronze Iron Works.
E. B. FINCH,
N. DANA WHIPPLE.
New-York, March 30, 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership under the firm name of W. H. MOTLEY & CO. for the transaction of a general commission business in stocks, bonds, and other securities at No. 2 Exchange court.
WILLIAM H. MOTLEY,
HENRY COGGILL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CONtinental Printing Ink Manufacturing Company has discontinued its business, which will hereafter be continued by the undersigned under the firm name of FREDK. H. LEVEY & CO.
F. H. LEVEY,
L. B. HART.
New-York, March 30, 1874.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE FIRM OF A. WINTERHOFF & CO. being dissolved THIS DAY, the business of said firm in foreign exchange and gold will be continued by MITCHELL & NEWBOLD, No. 38 Pine st.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of E. B. FINCH & SON is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
E. B. FINCH,
J. W. FINCH.

THE FIRM OF LEE & SNEDEKER, chromo printers, is dissolved. The business will now be carried on by THOMAS LEE, the senior partner.
THOMAS LEE.

MARBLE MANTELS.

ALL KINDS OF MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED work manufactured and sold at lowest competitive prices at S. KLABER & CO.'S Steam Marble Works, No. 217 to 229 West 31st st., between Broadway and 8th av. Diamond-cutting machine in operation.

A. KLABER, NO. 134 EAST 18TH ST., NEAR 3D ave., is selling and manufacturing all kinds of marble and marbleized mantels and other marble work, at greatly reduced prices. Marble turning for the trade.

STEWART'S SLATE MANTELS, MARBLE AND Wood Mantels. Rich and elegant designs at the lowest prices. 220 and 222 West 29th st. bet. 7th and 8th avs.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

ADVERTISEMENTS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE NEW-YORK TIMES
At the Times Up-Town Office,
No. 54½ West 32d st., Junction Broadway and 6th av.,
And the Times West-Side Office,
No. 308 West 23d st., corner of 8th av.
NO EXTRA CHARGE WHATEVER.

AT AUCTION—ELEGANT COUPE ROCKAWAY, to order, by Corbett; cloth lined, plate-glass, platform springs, folding steps; orders are to sell. Auctioneer VAN TASSEL, No. 110 East 13th st., on FRIDAY, 3d, at 12 o'clock M. Also, top-wagon, pole and shafts.

TO LET—PART OF PRIVATE STABLE NO. 114 West 27th st., from May 1; six stalls and box stall; spacious carriage-room; also, rooms for coachman if desired. For particulars apply to T. S. KINNEY, No. 141 West Broadway.

FOR SALE—A HANDSOME COUPE, MADE BY Brewster & Co., of Broome st.; price, $700. Can be seen at MORRELL'S Storage Warehouse, corner 23d st. and 4th av.

FOR SALE—COUPE MAIL PHAETON (MADE BY Brewster & Co.,) harness, and also a well-bred saddle horse 16½ hands. Private stable, No. 123 West 18th st.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LIGHT wagons, my own manufacture, to be sold at bargain to close out the business. Apply to ISAAC LOCKWOOD, corner of 127th st. and 3d av.

TWO TEAM MULES, VERY CHEAP; FARM harness, wagon, cart, plow, blankets, McClellan riding saddle, bridle, &c. W. A. CARTER, No. 59 Cortlandt st., near Greenwich.

A VERY FINE PAIR OF BLACK CARRIAGE horses for sale; sound; sixteen hands, and weighing about 2,400 pounds. Address QUIDNESSET FARM, East Greenwich, R. I.

STABLE TO LET—NO. 1½ WEST 36TH ST., three stalls. Apply to L. T. HOYT, No. 46 Exchange place.

FOR SALE—LEASE, STOCK, AND FIXTURES OF the Merchants' Stables, 35 and 37 West 29th st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

ADVERTISEMENTS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE NEW-YORK TIMES
At the Times Up-Town Office,
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NO EXTRA CHARGE WHATEVER.

THE ADVERTISER, ABOUT VACATING VERY desirable apartments, would bring them to the notice of parties seeking a good boarding-place. Those looking for a pleasant home in a kind and agreeable family, with good table and at reasonable prices, will do well to apply early at No. 123 East 22d st., near 4th av. Present occupant leaves only to commence housekeeping.

NO. 56 EAST 9TH ST., FEW DOORS WEST of Broadway.—Reception room with bedroom attached; also, other rooms, newly furnished, for gentlemen; every first-class convenience; breakfast if desired; reference; no moving.

DESIRABLE THIRD STORY SUITE OF apartments to let at Haight House, corner of 5th av. and 15th st., parlor and dining-room on 5th av., front. Furniture for sale; dealers need not apply. Can be seen daily after 12 o'clock.

HANDSOMELY AND NEWLY-FURNISHED front room to let to a gentleman, without board, in a private family, at No. 37 East 19th st., between Broadway and 4th av.

A FINE ALCOVE ROOM TO LET, WITH EXcellent board, in a comfortable house, where there are only a few boarders; references exchanged. No. 122 East 22d st., near 4th av.

WE OFFER AT MODERATE PRICES A number of elegantly-furnished rooms, Grand Union Hotel, Park av. and 41st st.; directions in all its appointments. C. F. & W. D. GARRISON, Managers.

TWENTY-NINTH STREET, NEAR 5TH AV.—An elegant suite of rooms, suitable for physician; immediate possession. Apply to E. A. DAILEY, No. 588 6 av.

NO. 30 EAST 35TH ST.—PARLOR AND BEDroom parlor floor; also third floor front room with alcove. With or without private table; references.

NO. 29 WEST 18TH ST.

Handsome, well-furnished rooms, with board, will be vacated about April 1. good reference required.

NO. 12 EAST 17TH ST.—TO LET, WITH FIRSTclass board, suite of rooms on second floor, with or without private table; references exchanged.

MRS. H. BUSHNELL, NO. 385 5TH AV., NEAR 36th st., offers a suite of apartments with private table, temporarily to a small family.

COUNTRY BOARD.

AT ELIZABETH, N. J.—BOARD AT REDUCED rates for the Summer, in a fine old mansion, centrally situated and with attractive surroundings; handsome furniture and liberal table. For particulars inquire at No. 56 Broadway, Room No. 3, or at No. 37½ Water st.

WANTED—BOARD IN THE COUNTRY FOR THREE adults, infant, and two servants, for three months from June 10; private table; no other boarders to be taken; must be first-class. Address WM. A. CARTER, particulars, COMFORT, Box 1,167 New-York Post Office.

AT STAMFORD—A GENTLEMAN AND WIFE may obtain board in a private family, in a very desirable location. Address, with reference, G. T. E., Box No. 442 Post Office, Stamford, Conn.

BOARD AT GLEN RIDGE, CORNWALL, N. Y.—House open from May 1. JAMES G. ROE.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD.—GENTLEMAN AND WIFE WISH A room and board in a private family; moderate price; reference; a few boarders no objection. Address HAMILTON, Box 75 *Times* Up-town Office, 54½ West 32d st.

SUMMER RESORTS.

A FAMILY RESORT.—BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE, groves, drives, gymnasium, &c. "Pardise of America."—*Jenny Lind*, A. D. 1852. Send stamp for "Tourist's Guide" to ROUND HILL HOTEL, Northampton, Mass.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT—CITY AND County of New-York.—J. NELSON TAPPAN, Assignee, plaintiff, against WILLIAM B. ISAACS, defendant.—Summons for a money demand on contract.—(Com. not ser.)—To the defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the Court-house in said City, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, No. 120 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Dated New-York, March 28, 1874.
BIRDSEYE, CLOYD & BAYLISS,
Plaintiff's Attorneys,
No. 120 Broadway

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

TOWN ELECTIONS IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The elections for town officers in the several towns of Westchester County, held on Tuesday, resulted, as far as ascertained, in the choice of the following:

BEDFORD.—Moses W. Fish, Supervisor; J. C. Adams, Town Clerk; Myron B. Silkman, Justice of the Peace; Weeden Fowler and S. H. Miller, Assessors; S. H. Miller, Highway Commissioner; D. M. Miller, Collector; W. A. Miller and Zeno Hoyt, Overseers of the Poor, Republican ticket.

COURTLANDT.—Coffin S. Brown, Dem., Supervisor; Charles R. Swain, Town Clerk; George E. Craft, Receiver of Taxes.

EAST CHESTER.—In the town of East Chester the Democrats elected their entire ticket, as follows: Wm. H. Pemberton, Supervisor, (majority, 594;) Robert W. Foster, Town Clerk; Robert W. Edmunds, Justice; H. K. Nolte, Assessor; Patrick Sharkey, Overseer of the Poor; Philip Lucas, Jr., Caleb S. Babcock, and Dr. G. Weed, Town Auditors.

GREENBURG.—Abram O. Wilsea, Dem., re-elected Supervisor, by 500 majority.

HARRISON.—Edward Willets, Dem., Supervisor, Wm. Smith, Town Clerk; Wm. Meldrum, Assessor; William H. Dusenbury, Commissioner of Highways.

LEWISBORO'.—John C. Holmes, Rep., Supervisor.

MAMARONECK.—Charles H. Birney, Rep., Supervisor; Francis Corner, Town Clerk; John Revere, Justice; James Donaldson and William H. Tilford, Assessors; Edward Haviland, Commissioner of Highways; Jacob Arakson and Michael Flanagan, Overseers of the Poor; Aaron S. Benedict, Collector and Constable.

MOUNT PLEASANT.—Amos R. Clark, Dem., Supervisor, 167 majority; Benedict Lee, Town Clerk; James S. Lee, Justice; Chauncey Bailey, Assessor; Abraham D. Stephens, Commissioner of Highways.

NEWCASTLE.—Francis M. Carpenter, Liberal Rep., Supervisor.

NEW ROCHELLE.—George W. Davids, Dem., Supervisor, no opposition; George T. Davis, Town Clerk; Staats Barton, Justice; George Lambden, J. O. Underhill and Edward M. Tomkins, Town Auditors; George Wilson, Assessor; Nicholas Van Wart, Commissioner of Highways; M. H. McMahon and Clark Davis, Overseers of the Poor.

NORTH CASTLE.—James Hopkins, Rep., Supervisor.

NORTH SALEM.—Odle Close, Rep., Supervisor—no opposition; Samuel B. Clark, Town Clerk; Joseph L. Sutton, Justice; Floyd Keeler, Benton S. Halstead, and Isaac H. Purdy, Town Auditors; George W. Brown, Commissioner of Highways; E. Kellogg Reed and Stephen Salsri, Overseers of the Poor; Daniel H. Howe, Assessor.

OSSINING.—James Heag, Dem., Supervisor, majority 34; Richard Terhune, Town Clerk; Wm. C. Howe, Justice.

PELHAM.—James Hyatt, Dem., Supervisor; Geo. Sembler, Town Clerk; Theodore Parrisonia, Justice; G. W. Dayton and ——— Lake, Town Auditors; James W. Roosevelt and E. Patterson, Assessors; David Lyon, Road Commissioner; Augustus Wood; Collector; Lester Champlain and George Taylor, Constables.

POUNDRIDGE.—This town, which has been represented by a Republican Supervisor, has elected Mr. Miles Adams, Dem.

RYE.—The town, which has also been represented for about five years by a Republican Supervisor, has this year elected all its Democratic nominees, except those for Town Clerk, and one Overseer of the Poor, and one Constable. The officers elected are Samuel W. Johnson, Dem., Supervisor; Charles DeMott, Town Clerk; Daniel Lyon, Assessor; Thos. Peabay, Commissioner of Highways; Jonathan Purdy and Robert F. Brundage, Town Auditors; Michael Stuber and Jacob Messereau, Trustees of Public Schools; Thomas G. Wilson, Game Constable; Jerome Slason and Thomas G. Wilson, Constables; Edward F. Brundage, Constables.

SCARSDALE.—Francis Secor, Dem., Supervisor; E. Seaman, Town Clerk; Robert Archer, Justice; Charles Carpenter, Assessor; Isaac Lefurgy and Peter Hobbs, Overseers of the Poor; Jesse G. Carpenter, Rep., Supervisor, and the rest of the Republican ticket.

WEST CHESTER.—E. C. Havemeyer, Dem., nominated as Republican's and Tax payer's candidate, in opposition to regular Democratic candidate for Supervisor, carried the county by 38 majority. Seats Dem.

WHITE PLAINS.—The town of White Plains, a Democratic stronghold, for many years past, has elected almost entirely a Republican ticket for town officers this year, as follows: Elisha Horton, Jr., Rep. Supervisor; majority, 58. Silas Purdy over Wm. Hutson, Town Clerk; Wm. H. Heustis, Justice; Patrick Farrell, Assessor; James H. Moran, J. O. Dykeman, and Edward Schirmer, Town Auditors; Horace H. Baldwin, and Fred. Hartman, Overseers of the Poor; Samuel L. Mosher, Highway Commissioner.

YONKERS.—Joseph Masten, Dem., Mayor of the City; John H. Williams, Rep., Supervisor—majority, 31; John W. Alexander, Rep., Justice; Abram S. Radcliff, Ind., Alderman First Ward; Charles Mercer, Dem., Alderman Second Ward; John White, Rep., Alderman Third Ward, and H.R. Hicks, Rep., Alderman 4th Ward.

YORKTOWN.—John B. Tompkins, Lib. Rep., nominated by Democrats, elected Supervisor.

The Democrats claim twelve of the Supervisors elect, including C. E. Havemeyer, of West Chester, nominated by Republicans and Reform Democrats; and Mr. Tompkins, of Yorktown, Liberal Republican, who last year refused to enter either the Democratic or Republican caucus, but acted generally in concert with the Republicans on all important measures in the board. The Republicans express themselves well satisfied with the result and their prospect when the new board assemblies for organization.

INTERESTING TO PHOTOGRAPHERS.

In connection with the movement on foot among photographers to organize a society to be called the Mutual Photo Protective Association, the proceedings at the last monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Photographic Art Association were of more than local interest. Mr. H. H. Hannay, in the absence of Rev. Dr. Chas. Hall, presided. It appears that a committee of three of the association have been sued for $25,000 for publishing resolutions relating to Shaw's patent for saving silver from waste photo solutions.

Mr. Hannay made an earnest address, in which he called the attention of all photographers to the necessity of united efforts against the attacks thus made upon the association, and closed his remarks by offering the following:

That, whereas a suit for libel and damages has been instituted against a committee appointed and indorsed by this association; that we, as an association, do assume said suit as a wrong upon them, and as such be dictated to the same as all other associations, and that a deprivation of all the citizens and members of a society devoted to the advancement of our profession, of the right of free speech, scientific discussion, and privacy into matters of ourselves as an association or our brothers by profession;

Therefore, as an association, we call upon all photographers throughout the Union to stand firm for their rights as citizens under the law, and always obedient to the same, and join with us in organizing a society to be called the Mutual Photo Protective Association, of one in form in each State, and every photographer be a member of it; let State officers be appointed, and each State, through their officers, organise a national council, so that when a call is made in Rock Island, Ill., in a short time answer the call, and by this means have such a fund and such concentrated power as will confound and overawe all oppression and wrong done to any member.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:

That a mass-meeting be called, at such a place and such a time as the committee may decide, of all photographers of Brooklyn and New-York, for the purpose of organizing and carrying out the Mutual Photo Protective Association and acting in conjunction with all other societies of the same new organizing or about to organize in the several States, and that at the same officers shall be appointed, by vote or ballot, for this effect, so that the association may be duly and lawfully chartered and prompt action taken to defend and, if found necessary, attack any or all wrongs and impositions upon photographers, and that the Committee of Arrangements, acting in conjunction with our Executive Committee, shall have power to issue and distribute notices of said meeting among the fraternity, and such other regulations as may be found necessary to make a success of the same.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on Mass-meeting Messrs. Barker, Berger, and Hannay. Mr. Berger gave a chemical analysis of his own of a recession of silver or gold from waste photo solutions, showing there were other means than sulphuret of barium, which was patented in 1869, and yet published in English and German works on photography as early as 1854. The meeting then adjourned.

A MAIN BETWEEN NEW-JERSEY AND ULSTER COUNTY.

A main of cocks between New-Jersey and Ulster County was fought yesterday at a pit in the former State, in close proximity to this City. Several prominent patrons of the sport kept away, being afraid that Mr. Bergh or some of his officers would make a raid. There was a large gathering of "sporting men" from Newark, Paterson, Trenton, Brooklyn, and this City, and the pit was completely filled by a miscellaneous crowd. The conditions were for each side to produce seventeen cocks, at weights ranging from 4 pounds 6 ounces to 5 pounds 6 ounces, and fight all that fell in for $50 a side each battle and $500 a side, the odd fight deciding the main. The process of weighing and matching occupied fully two hours, at the expiration of which time it was announced that thirteen pairs had been fitted, and consequently the main would consist of thirteen battles. Then the betting commenced in earnest, and a large amount of money was wagered on the result of the main. The following match-list was hung on the gaslpe and the contest began. The first battle was won by the New-Jersey fowls in six minutes, and Ulster County won the second battle in eleven minutes, amid loud cheering. The third battle was a desperate one. Betting was 25 to 20 on the New-Jersey. The Ulster County fowl was, but died before being taken from the pit; time, nine minutes. New-Jersey was the fourth battle in nine minutes. Betting was now $100 to $80 that the New-Jersey fowls would win the main. These odds were readily taken by the partisans of the Ulster County division. The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth battles were won by Ulster County, and the backers of the latter fowls were jubilant. They then stood 6 victories for Ulster County, and 5 for New-Jersey. New-Jersey won the ninth main, having won seven battles to New-Jersey's four. The backers of the New-Jersey fowls were sorely chagrined at their defeat, and declined fighting the two remaining battles.

SPRING OPENING OF JAMES McCREERY & CO.

Spring openings being the present order of things in the dry-goods stores, James McCreery & Co., whose excellent establishment is prominently situated at the corner of Broadway and Eleventh street, have been going through their customary display of ladies' evening and reception and carriage and walking dresses. During yesterday and Wednesday their display was in the noontide of its attractions, and a very large proportion of the ladies of the City whose aspirations are fashionable were visitors at their establishment. They had on view some admirable specimens of the modiste's art, and, of course, most of the newest fashions found space in their well-stocked reception-rooms. The uninitiated can scarcely understand the elaborate intricacies of the elegant toilets from any description of them, but as there is that well-informed class who can, here is something, (a long distance from the original, of course,) which may convey an idea to their clear apprehensions in these matters. To begin: Suppose a very handsome reception or walking dress of two shades, one of which is called dove color and the other "Tipsy," which is another name for Tour de Surenne. The skirt is trimmed at the bottom and in front with side-plaiting, while the upper portion of the skirt is trimmed with bias folds. There is an apron from the waist, at the side of which are about twelve inches of folds of silk on the straight running from the bottom of the skirts to the top. The back of the dress is trimmed with box-beading, fifteen inches deep, lined with a light color, the over-skirt being looped up about as far as the box-beading at the bottom. There is also a sash of the two shades—dove and Tour de Sufenne—with revere each side. There is then the ordinary basque, trimmed with folds to correspond with the under and over skirts. The price of this dress is $150. Take for the next example a carriage or walking dress. It is of black silk, trimmed in front with graduated box side plating, ten inches deep. From that to the waist is trimmed with bias folds, puffed, each fold being trimmed in turn with passementerie and jet ornaments, and finished with jet fringe two inches deep. The side of the dress is trimmed with puffing of silk, sixteen inches wide, which meets the folds of the front. From the puffing there is revere eighteen inches at the bottom, trimmed with passementerie, jet ornaments, and fringe to match. The back of the skirt is trimmed box-plaiting, sixteen inches deep. Its upper portion is a new design, consisting of side-plaiting for the panier, surmounted with a wide sash in thee large bows, with bias ends. The basque is trimmed to correspond with the overskirt, and is similarly ornamented. One hundred and ninety-five dollars will purchase this handsome article of toilette. The next is a lilac dress of an exceptionally beautiful shade, the front of which is trimmed with lilac crape to match, entirely puffed. The side has a trimming of similar crape in what might be described as the zig-zag, or forked lightning style, bound with silk of the same color, finished with white real lace three inches in width. The back trimming of the skirt is of single box-plaiting of silk on the straight, surmounted with puffing gathered in four different places, the puffing being seven inches wide. The basque is trimmed with a bell trimming of crape and lace to corrrespond with the dress, and the collar is of great elaboration and beauty. One of the handsomest dresses in the entire collection, and one which fairly comes within that exceedingly vulgarism description "exquisite," is of two shades, brown and *café au lait*. The trimming on the front consists of seven narrow rows of side plating, three inches deep each, surmounted with bias folds, two inches deep, of silk of the dark or brown shade, piped with the dark, and light, or *café au lait*, mixed. There is a double box plating, twelve inches deep, at the back of the skirt, running all round. The polonaise of this dress is of peculiar and elaborate design, forming a basque at the back. A peculiarity of this costume is the fact that the sides are not similarly trimmed. On the right side of the polonaise, which is of the square cut, the trimming is of bias folds of the dark color, graduating from the waist to the back of the polonaise, and varying in length from two inches to forty inches. The left side is entirely plain, with the exception of a satchel of the two silks. These are but a few of the elaborate costumes which were exhibited at McCreery & Co.'s Spring opening. There were, besides, varieties of every grade of their service for every day in a lady's life, of every pretension, and of minor, but sometimes necessary articles of costume, dresses of linen and such like fabrics, varying in price from $12 to $50.

A STREET ARAB'S EXPLOITS ON APRIL 1.

Yesterday was the 1st of April, and all the newsboys and bootblacks had "a good time" and enjoyed themselves, but by none of them was the day made more of than by one named William Hickey. This young person is better known to his associates as "Nick." He is a bootblack by occupation, and an amateur song-and-dance boy at the Grand Duke "Opra" House. Yesterday Master Hickey occupied his usual place of business at the corner of Beekman and Nassau streets. It seems that he carried his implements of trade yesterday only as a blind, for he devoted the day to pleasure, and was not seen to clean a single pair from the time he took up his position until he made his final disappearance, with a policeman in full chase after him. His proceedings were singular in the extreme, and gave intense satisfaction to an admiring crowd of observers, who had gathered on the opposite corner to watch them. He had provided himself for the occasion with a piece of white rag, in the semblance of a pocket-handkerchief, and his tactics were these: He would walk up to a gentleman, and in his most insinuating manner intimate that he would like to give him a "shine;" then he would make a grab at his victim's side pocket, and rush off with his white rag fluttering in the air, pursued by the irate passenger in the firm conviction that his pocket had been picked. But Master Hickey was equal to the occasion. There was a most convenient stairway near the corner which he could ascend, and if occasion required, could by that means make his way through the building, and emerge on Park Row. It is true that he got himself kicked, and had his face slapped early in the day, but he was above trifles, and he made fully persevering in his nefarious games. The windows of the Park Hotel were crowded with admirers, as well as the sidewalks, and all expressed disgust and indignation whenever the envious policeman put a stop to Hickey's performances. His exploits, strange to say, although they gave satisfaction to all who saw them, did not always seem to please the persons upon whom his jokes were played. As it has been hinted before, he was kicked and had his face slapped, and also had all manner of abuses heaped upon him, and dire threats of Police and other vengeance were uttered, but it was only when darkness came on and the stream of passengers ceased to pass along the street that he desisted from his little game. Others of the profession succeeded in collecting a large crowd at the street-car terminus in front of the new Post Office, but none of them succeeded so well as Hickey. For one day, at least, he succeeded in attracting a larger audience than the Grand Duke "Opra" House will ever hold, and obtained that which is most sweet to actors, unlimited applause.

WALL STREET TOPICS.

Considerable business was done at the Stock Exchange yesterday. Union Pacific and Pacific Mail were strong, and Erie and Wabash recovered from the depression of the previous day, and were firm at the close. The denial of any serious panic in London by the foreign agents of a leading banking-house, which dispatch was circulated, had a strengthening effect. Erie matters were commented upon more favorably, and a better disposition was manifested. In regard to the strike at Susquehanna the news was received that a large body of the striking employes had resumed work; that the military was preparing to leave by the advice of Judge Jessup, and that the local authorities would be called upon to protect the property of the railway company, and in case of further demonstration the shops would be closed and Gov. Hartranft appealed to for a military guard at Susquehanna. A cablegram was sent from London, yesterday, stating that printed circulars had been distributed on the Stock Exchange and elsewhere, informing the public that a committee of investigation had been called for to be appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-York, to look into the affairs of the company, with authority to call for books, papers, and compel the attendance of persons, in regard to accounts; and that a Receiver be appointed to take charge of the road; and, further, that such committee had been appointed by the Legislature. It is not necessary to state that no such committee has been asked for. The sale of $1,000,000 gold will take place at the Sub-Treasury at noon today.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Col. George W. Patton, United States Army, is at the St. James Hotel.

Ex-Gov. John W. Stewart, of Vermont, is at the Union Square Hotel.

Baron Barbier, of France, is at the Brevoort House.

Judge George W. Paschal, of Texas, is at the Hoffman House.

Ex-Lieut. Gov. A. B. Gardner, of Vermont, is at the St. Denis Hotel.

Hon Amos T. Akerman, formerly Attorney General of the United States; Gen. John S. Cavender, of St. Louis; George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Ledger*; Ex-Gov. Frederick Smyth, of New-Hampshire; George B. Upton, of Boston, and A. J. ———, of Philadelphia, are at the Fifth Avenue

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The annual meeting of the National Board of Fire Underwriters will be held in this City on the 22d inst.

The New-York Women's Suffrage Society will meet at No. 361 West Thirty fourth street this evening at 8.

The amount of interest received by Chamberlain Lane on the City deposits for the month of March was $7,036 95.

Just before the close of the Cotton Exchange yesterday, Mr. John H. Elliott notified his creditors that he was unable to meet his liabilities.

No regular monthly meeting of the Importers' and Grocers' Board of Trade was held yesterday, there not being a quorum of members present.

Mr. E. K. Dennler, Sanitary Inspector of Long Island City, denies that his name is on the pay-roll of the Health Department of this City.

On Monday morning next, Judge Woodruff will call the jury calendar in the common law side of the United States Circuit Court, No. 41 Chambers street.

Assistant District-Attorney Allen is reported to have said in conversation with a reporter: "Depend upon it, Harry Genet is within five miles of the City Hall."

The Inman steam-ship City of Brussels, which left Liverpool on March 19 and Queenstown on March 20, reached this port yesterday, with mail news later by five days.

A woman, supposed, from papers found in her possession, to be Mrs. McNamara, was found insensible on Broadway yesterday evening, and was taken to the Park Hospital.

The third match for the billiard championship will take place at Tammany Hall to-morrow evening, April 3. The contestants are Albert Garnier and Maurice Daly.

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Joseph L. Perley presiding, held a regular meeting yesterday, the proceedings of which, however, were confined to the usual routine business.

Although Alexander P. Ketchum has been appointed General Appraiser, Ex-Judge Hogeboom still holds the office, having not yet been officially notified of the appointment of his successor.

Prof. Emanuel H. Schlamovitz will lecture on Friday next at 5 P. M., in the school-hall of the Church of the Holy Innocents, corner of Thirty-seventh street and Broadway. Subject—"The Passover."

A further discussion of ship-building was had at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company yesterday afternoon. The company have fine projects in view, which will probably be carried out.

Marshal Conklin, of the Mayor's office, has notified the street venders whose wagons are obstructions near the markets, that their licenses will be revoked unless they obey the orders of Superintendent Devoe for their removal.

Yesterday afternoon Joseph Kelly, forty-two years old, residing at No. 402 West Thirty-second street, a conductor on the Bleecker Street Railroad, was crushed between his car and a post at the railroad depot, and received fatal injuries.

The first boat of the season, the James B. Schuyler, of the Merchants' and Opposition Line for Albany and Troy, started on its first trip yesterday. Under the able management of Mr. J. W. Hancox this line promises to be a success.

A correspondent says: "The closing of the Security Bank is in no way due to the Commonwealth Bank, or to the panic. It is due to the dishonesty of the absconding Cashier, and improper speculations on the part of one of the officers of the bank."

The steam-ship Cybele, of the Red Star Line, of Philadelphia, arrived at this port yesterday, from Antwerp, landing 211 emigrants at Castle Garden. The City of Brussels, from Liverpool, with 378 emigrants; City of Brussels, from Liverpool, 357 emigrants. The Pembroke, from Cardiff, with steerage passengers, was reported below.

The Brewers' and Coopers' Benevolent Association held their annual meeting last evening, in Schmidt & Kochner's brewery, in Fifty-ninth street. Charles Gunther presided. The Treasurer reported the receipts to be $11,051 77; the expenditures, $8,395 94, leaving a balance of $2,655 83 in the treasury.

Mr. Henry L. Clinton consumed the greater portion of yesterday in his summing up for the contestants in the Rollwagen will case. Mr. Wm. H. Arnoux commenced his reply for the proponents late in the afternoon. He will probably occupy this entire day. Four briefs will be submitted on the conclusion of Mr. Arnoux's address.

Charles Callender's first bondsman, John Boylan, justified in the full amount $20,000 yesterday, with the understanding that some other person would come in afterward and take half of the burden off his shoulders. The Ex-Bank Examiner was then formally discharged from arrest by United States Commissioner Shields.

The foreign mails received at the New-York Post-Office yesterday were as follows: City of Brussels, 32,100 letters, 124 bags of papers; Celtic, 467 letters. The Java, for Liverpool, conveyed 24,382 letters, 59 bags papers; and the America, 11,524 letters, 14 bags papers. Total letters, 32,567 letters, 124 bags papers. Total shipments, 35,906 letters, 73 bags papers.

It is feared that the steam-ship Widdington, of Newcastle, is lost at sea. The vessel was last sighted by the Inman steamer City of Antwerp, Feb. 6. She was then making six knots an hour. The officers of the City of Brussels, which arrived here yesterday morning, report that no tidings have since been heard of the Widdington. The vessel was about 600 tons burden.

The Société de Secours Mutuels l'Union Fraternelle, a French benevolent society, reports that the receipts of the society during the past year amounted to $3,684 65; the expenditures, $2 630 07. The following are the officers: Prosper L. Laudonnay, Vice President; A. Aubry and Ad. Pottier; Secretary, J. B. Brindesso; Treasurer, Fr. Phillippot; Financial Secretary, H. Fatton.

The investigation of the recent "parlor artillery" explosion on Broadway is still pending, owing to the absence of one of the chemical experts to whom the case has been submitted. The theory at present is, that the accident was caused by something falling on one of the cartridges, which, according to the statement of their manufacturer, would in all probability cause the simultaneous explosion of the entire lot.

The annual meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New-York will be held in the Sunday-school Room of the Church of the Ascension on Tuesday afternoon next. The reports of the labors of the society during the past year will be quite interesting, showing the extent and results of missionary work among the seamen of this large port during the past year.

The immediate friends of Mayor Havemeyer assert that the list of candidates for Police Commissioner, which was prepared since Mr. Andrews declined the nomination, does not meet his approval, and that he has not made a selection. They are of opinion that he will not send a name to the Board of Aldermen for some time, or at least until the term of Mr. Russell will expire.

Detectives Tiemann and Van Gerichten, of Police Head-quarters, have been waiting several days at Quarantine, Staten Island, for the arrival of the German steamer Hansa, from Bremen, due here since Sunday. A passenger on the expected steamer is Christian Paul Meyer, of Hamburg, is accused of robbing his employer, Theodore Ludwig Bohn, of 25,000 thalers, and a cable dispatch to the German Consul in this City caused the necessary warrant of arrest of the fugitive to issue.

Assistant District Attorney Rollins, who in consequence of the continued illness of his colleague, Assistant District Attorney Russell, has been prosecuting incessantly, and with his accustomed vigor, during the past four months, finds his health giving way, and has been advised to take a few day's rest. He leaves to-day for New-Hampshire, where he will sojourn with his relatives for ten days, during which period the prosecution in the Court of General Sessions will be conducted by District Attorney Phelps.

The New-York Cotton Exchange rather informally decided, at a meeting yesterday, to close the Exchange on Good Friday this week. A vote upon closing the Exchange must be unanimously carried, according to the rules of the Exchange, but yesterday there was one dissenting vote. It is thought that little business will be done at the Exchange on that day. After the meeting very little business was done beyond the smashing of hats and other playful April Fool's Day tricks, which seemed to afford a fund of amusement to some and a deal of vexation to others.

At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks yesterday, the proposals for lighting the gas-lamps in the public parks, of the Harlem Gas-light Company and of the New-York Gas-light Company, were declared the lowest for their respective districts—the Harlem Gas-light Company charging $3 25 per month, and the New-York Gas-light Company $33 per year for each lamp. The remaining proposals from respectively the Manhattan, New-York Mutual, and Metropolitan Companies, were referred to the President of the board for consideration.

BROOKLYN.

The Police report 2,052 arrests for the past month.

Mayor Hunter went to Albany yesterday morning to look after the Charities bill.

A barber named A. W. Robinson was committed for trial by Justice Walsh yesterday on a charge preferred by Mr. John Davis, of No. 135 Fulton street, of forging a check for $69 on one of the Boston banks.

A very interesting lecture on "The Lessons of this Gothic Temple" was delivered Tuesday evening last before Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, F. and A. M., Henry S. Knapp, W. Master, by Rt. W. Brother Morrison, Jr. Gr. Deacon of the Grand Lodge of New-York. There was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the lecture was received with marked approval. Among those present were Rt. W. Bro. Elwood E. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master; Rt. W. Bro. Boak, Sr. Grand Deacon; Rt. W. Bro. Bowen, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; Rt. W. Bro. James M. Fuller; Rt. W. Bro. Richey, W. Bro. Couch, and seventeen Masters of Brooklyn and New-York Lodges. After the lecture, the guests of the lodge were invited to partake of an elegant collation, which was spread in the ante-room.

The amount of taxes received by the Collector during the last month was $406,544 82.

A lecture on temperance will be delivered, this evening, by Mrs. Susannah Evans, at the Presbyterian Church, Noble street.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Young will lecture, this evening, at the Bedford Avenue Reform Church, corner of Clymer street, on "My Life in Bonda ge."

Capts. Crafts and Campbell, of the Fourth and Tenth Precincts, still report the receipt of contributions of money and supplies for the support of the soup-houses under their care.

An infant child of Mr. Charles Myers, of No. 15 Dunham place, died in terrible agony Tuesday night from the effects of a spoonful of Croton oil given it by its mother in mistake for soothing syrup.

Judge Pratt yesterday granted a motion made by counsel for Ex-Sheriff Walters for a bill of particulars from the prosecution in the suit of the Supervisors against the Ex-Sheriff for $25,000, alleged to have been received from the county on fraudulent bills.

A noted boarding-house thief, named Marvin E. Hamlin, arrested yesterday by Detective Roach, of the Third Precinct, will be taken to Philadelphia by Detective Wood, this morning, on a charge of stealing $650 from the boarding-house of a Mrs. Deal in that city.

It is understood that the memorial of the Brooklyn Orphan Asylum to the Legislature for relief from an assessment for sewerage has been withdrawn. This course, it is said has been taken to avoid setting a precedent in the future for like applications from similar institutions.

In the case of Mrs. Emily A. Parker, who strangled herself with a rope in the cellar of her residence, at No. 116 Prospect street, on Tuesday morning, the Coroner's jury rendered a verdict to the effect that deceased committed suicide while laboring under great depression of mind.

There were 138 cases on the calendar in the United States Eastern District Court yesterday, all of which have been set down for dates subsequent to the 15th instant, for the reason, as stated by Judge Benedict, that the cases remaining over from the March term would occupy the court until that time.

Prof. C. A. Ford, of Michigan University, delivers the second of his physiological lectures this evening before the Young Men's Christian Association, at Association Hall. The subject of the lecture is "The Human Hand and its Modifications." The lecture will be illustrated by numerous diagrams.

The Eastern District Hospital authorities complain that the ambulance service in that part of the city is very bad. The ambulance is kept at a livery-stable, and frequently, when there is occasion for its use, there is, it is alleged, no competent driver, and the vehicle is without the proper equipments in the way of blankets, &c.

The subject of swill-milk is exciting a good deal of attention in Brooklyn at present. A local paper yesterday published a list of names of local dealers who sell milk of the kind fed on bad swill obtained from a distillery near where they are stabled. The animals are represented as being dreadfully diseased from drinking the hot swill.

Officer Philip Rogers yesterday purchased two diamond rings worth over $200 from a young man, named William Fox, who offered them for $5, saying he was hard up. Rogers, who was in citizen's clothes, took Fox to the station-house after the purchase, and subsequent inquiry developed the fact that the rings had been stolen from Mrs. J. Nusson. Fox has held.

The Pratt Oil Works, from which the society coopers have recently been discharged, still continues to be guarded by the Police. The non-society men remain on their premises, and each one has a pistol, each man carrying his working implements to use in defense in case of an attack. During the morning one of the non-society men, named Philip Schwarz, had his head slightly cut with a stone.

A term of the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District was opened yesterday by Judge Benedict. The boys, John Cummings and Daniel Lynch, charged with breaking into the Post Office at Stapleton, Staten Island, and stealing $35 worth of stamps, on the night of the 25th ult., were arraigned, and pleaded guilty to the first count in the indictment. They were remanded for sentence.

The Board of City Works yesterday directed the Chief Engineer to ascertain whether the appropriation already made was sufficient to complete the Hempstead Water Works. For this work $1,600,000 has already been expended, and it is said that $750,000 more will be required to pay for what has already been done. It is thought that the works will cost $3,000,000 before they are completed.

LONG ISLAND.

Rebecca Burgess, a girl only eleven and a half years old, suspected of poisoning the family of Mr. Isaac N. Teed, at Mattituck, several days ago, by putting arsenic in the butter on the tea-table, was arraigned on Tuesday. She acknowledged having made an effort to poison the family, but assigned no special reason for it. She had an examination yesterday, and on account of her youth was sent to the House of Reformation.

During the month of March the wills of the following-named persons were admitted to probate by Judge Hagner, of the Queens County Probate Court: Daniel Remsen, Julius C. Wright, Edmund Smith, Henry S. Mott, Peter Cousterman, Conklin Baylis, William Underhill, Samuel Seaman, John Mingo, George Schenck, and Charles Lütters. Letters of administration were granted upon the estates of Frederick August, Harriet Allen, Asa L. Corson, James Carraher, Ann Burkin, Sarah Ann Jackson, Marie Lütters, George E. Mesfort, Mary Nealen, Margaret O. Harra, Thomas Pearer, George Van Nostrand, and Abigail Wood.

NEW-JERSEY.

All the horse-car lines in Newark propose reducing the fare to six cents.

A day or two ago a son of Benjamin C. Bird, of Clinton, Hunterdon County, was sent on an errand on horseback. A short time subsequently the horse returned home without his rider, and the young man's dead body was found lying by the roadside.

Sheriff Reinhardt, of Hudson County, took five convicts to the State Prison at Trenton yesterday morning. They were: Charles Anderson, Thomas O'Brien, John C. Collins, and Jason C. Smith, sentenced to two and a half years each, and Catharine Regan one year.

The strike of the Erie Railway laborers at the Weehawken coal docks has terminated, the strikers having decided to accept the company's terms. Nearly all the laborers, with the exception of the ring-leaders, have been taken back to work, and the special police guard has been withdrawn.

On Tuesday evening Charles Hollon, a brakeman in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, while walking over a coal train at Dover, fell between the cars, and sustained fatal injuries. A physician deemed it necessary to amputate one of his legs, and he died while the operation was being performed.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Paterson shows the total receipts for the fiscal year ending March 20 to have been $941,802 60, and the expenditures $887,928 77. The City Controller reports the total bonded and floating debt of the city to be $1,541,608 58, and the assets $1,336,937 97, leaving a balance against the city of $155,370 61.

James Faubles, residing at No. 123 Bank street, Newark, employed a colored cartman, named Addison Gordon, to remove his furniture yesterday. After one of Gordon's visits to the house a gold watch and chain, valued at $150, were missed, and he was locked up on suspicion of being the thief. The articles were subsequently found in a sink in his cell.

On Tuesday night Officer Glenny, of Jersey City, found a young man named Thomas Wellwood lying on the sidewalk in one of the streets in the Third Precinct in a sick and starving condition. Wellwood said he came from Trenton a few days ago in search of employment, but was unable to procure any, and having no money, he was unable to get either food or shelter. Stimulants and nourishing food were furnished him, and he was taken to the City Hospital for treatment.

A number of gentlemen interested in the project of building a ship canal around Hoboken, to commence at Weehawken, and have an outlet near the Jersey City boundary line, made an inspection of the proposed route yesterday. It is claimed that the work can be completed in two years, and it will be commenced at once. The side walls will be of stone and built to the depth of fifteen feet. When completed, the canal will drain the Hoboken flats and thus enhance the value of property in that locality.

The saloon-keepers of Orange have formed an organization for the purpose of resisting the increase of license fees and other objectionable sections of the new law. The principal objection is to the clause which provides that double the former number of signers shall be required on every application for a license, and also that every recommendation to the Collector of Taxes for a license shall be published, together with the names of the signers, for at least two weeks in one of the city newspapers. It is estimated that upward of eighty saloons would be obliged to close for want of signers if this section were enforced. The saloon-keepers will make application for an injunction.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, April 1.—The following is the Court of Appeals Day Calendar for April 2: 157, 161, 159, 163, 165, 164, 167, 168.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—Held by Donohue, J.—62, Perons Plaster Company vs. Mason; 84, in the matter, &c., Schermerhorn; 92½, Keenan vs. Waverley Paper Mills; 157, Clews, &c., vs. The Rockford, Rock Island and St. Louis Railroad Company; 188, In the matter, &c., Hall; 190, Heath vs. Thompson, &c.; 195, In the matter, &c., Christie; 239, In the matter, &c., Ahrens vs. Oxygen Gas-light Company; 257, Sullivan, Jr., vs. Gage; 259, Reed vs. Allen; 265, Burton vs. Sherman; 266, Guischard vs. Guischard; 267, O'Connor vs. Legget, &c.; 268, Higgins vs. Drake.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part II.—Adjourned for the term.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part III.—Adjourned for the term.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Adjourned till Saturday, April 4.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Adjourned for the term.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part II.—Adjourned till Monday, May 4.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.—Will meet on Monday, April 6, for the purpose of rendering decisions.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Adjourned for the term.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—Part II.—Adjourned until first Monday in April.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Adjourned for the term.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part II.—Adjourned for the term.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part III.—Adjourned for the term.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER—Held by Brady, J.—Pietre Stephani, Sergente Paoli, homicide.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Van Brunt.

Robinson vs. Norris; findings settled.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Curtis.

Eisner vs. Marks; motion for attachment, &c., as for contempt denied.

Lloyd et al. vs. Barnes; case and amendments settled.

MARINE COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Joachimsen.

Thurber vs. Doherty, Seymour vs. Conkling; motions to open inquests granted on terms.

Blackford vs. Sawyer; motion to open default granted on terms.

Damsreaux vs. Clark; motion to vacate order of arrest denied, with $10 costs.

Griffin vs. Rosiekowsky; motion for leave to sue denied.

Jarrett vs. Succarth, Healey vs. Seneca, Jarrett vs. Seneca; motions to modify orders extending time to answer granted, with $10 costs to abide event.

Ryerson vs. Eritstie; motion to vacate order for irregularity granted.

By Judge Shea.

Rettig vs. Schmidt; motion denied with costs.

Hermanu vs. Simon; motion granted on conditions.

Heren vs. Barazzi; motion denied without costs.

Herman vs. Simon; motion granted on conditions that defendant pay, for the reason, as stated by $12 jury's fees, and $10 costs of this motion, and that then the cause can be opened so far as to all on a new trial on the issues joined in the action, at some day to be fixed on entering order under this decision.

MARINE COURT—GENERAL TERM.

By Judges Alker and McAdam.

Peyser et al. vs. Pollock; judgment reversed unless the plaintiff consents to reduce his damages to $51, the amount admitted to be due in the answer, with interest, in which case the judgment will be affirmed without costs.

By Judges Shea and Alker.

Bronson vs. Campbell; appeal affirmed with costs.

By Judge Shea.

Bayliss vs. Engineers' and Manufacturers' Publishing Company; motion denied; opinion on file.

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THE WOMEN'S CRUSADE.

PROGRESS OF THE MOVEMENT IN OHIO TOWNS AND CITIES.

THE WAR IN CLEVELAND—THE MOVEMENT A SUBSTANTIAL FAILURE—POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Monday, March 30, 1874.

The women's war on the liquor traffic continues to be the main topic of interest in Northern Ohio. Nearly every town has in its turn been affected, and the ladies are meeting with varied success in different localities. The greatest interest in the movement has lately centred in the larger places, notably in Cleveland. The whirl of excitement into which the neighboring villages were thrown for a long time apparently excited no influence on this city; soon, however, meetings to discuss temperance were held, and praying bands were organized in a quiet manner, but the idea of a genuine saloon warfare being inaugurated here was generally ridiculed. About one week since the liquor-sellers were aroused from their fancied security by the news that the foe was in the midst of their camp. The disgraceful riots, which were reported in your Associated Press dispatches, ensued; several women of the praying-bands were seriously injured, narrowly escaping with their lives, and one man in his efforts to protect them from the infuriated mob, was wounded, so that he is now lying at the point of death. This out break was the one thing needful to arouse the friends of temperance, reform to a fever heat. Mass-meetings were held the press and clergy of the city denounced the action of the rabble in cowardly attack ing a company of defenseless women, and wealthy citizens, whose sympathies would not otherwise have been enlisted, offered their influence and money in aid of the cause. In order to prevent a recurrence of the riots Mayor Otis, after consulting with the Board of Police Commissioners and other city officials, issued a proclamation ordering the enforcement of a city ordinance prohibiting the blockading of the sidewalks. This ordinance was construed to apply to the women as well as to the other sex, and therefore prevented the holding of street prayer-meetings as customary in other places. The Police Department and military companies were instructed to see that the provisions of the ordinance were strictly complied with. Saloon men now began to recognize the mistake which they had made, and when the "crusaders" again returned cautiously upon the streets, accompanied by a large force of armed policemen, no trouble worthy of mention was experienced.

The women summed up the results of their labors in Cleveland at a meeting held in the Young Men's Christian Association building Saturday afternoon. During the past week there were four bands, numbering twenty-five ladies each, engaged in the central wards; there were also three on the west side, one on the south side, one in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards, and four in the Eighteenth—late Newburg. The only perceptible success has been achieved in the latter ward, where ten of one hundred and thirty places where liquor was sold have been closed. Every dealer in ardent spirits in other sections of the city has been invited to join the Liquor-sellers' Association, which has adopted a line of action causing its members to absolutely refuse the women admittance to their establishments. As the municipal ordinance above referred to effectually prevents street services, the praying-bands have frequently walked many squares and returned fatigued to the churches, having been unable to discover a single place where they could gain an entrance to hold religious exercises.

The several thousand women who have enlisted, however, assert that they are not discouraged, and announce that fifteen or twenty storming parties will be sent forth each day during the present week. The clergymen continue to discuss the absorbing theme from their pulpits, and mass-meetings are to be held in each ward immediately. The gentlemen's committee are preparing to prosecute leading saloon keepers for selling intoxicating beverages in violation of the law. As there is considerable capital represented among its members, there is a prospect of a fierce contest in the courts between the committee and the Liquor-sellers' Association. At the instance of this committee, the Police are causing a general observance of the ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquors to minors and habitual drunkards.

In a very few of the smaller places in Northern Ohio the traffic has, for the time, been crushed out, while in the greater number the success has been very indifferent, and the temperance cause seems to be losing ground. A great many of the reported "surrenders" can in no manner be classed with a genuine abandonment of the traffic because of its unlawfulness, as the proprietors, on "surrendering" saloons, in two-thirds of the cases reported have capitulated for a pecuniary consideration, and, after a few weeks, declare their intention to again engage in the business. There are, without doubt, cases in which the yielding proprietors are sincere in their actions and converted to the temperance cause, but they are isolated, and in nine cases out of ten of the "surrenders" reported, either money has accomplished the work or they have closed, fearing indictments by Grand Juries. Reports at the beginning of the movement were grossly exaggerated, the least concession on the part of a saloon-keeper being heralded forth as a great victory, and where several weeks ago all saloons were reported closed and druggists selling only for medicinal, (?) mechanical, and sacramental purposes, the business is now about as lucrative as formerly, in a more restricted manner to be sure, but gradually, as the excitement dies away, the venders of the "ardent" become bolder.

There are towns in which the work accomplished is having a most salutary effect, and in all probability will "stick," being strengthened by stringent corporation ordinances, coupled with a public sentiment which bids fair in the future to hold the traffic in check. The McConnelsville ordinance, in substance declaring nuisances all places where liquors which can intoxicate are sold, has been adopted by town councils generally, but unless rigidly enforced, it will prove a dead-letter, as in most cases has the stringent law of '54, and later the celebrated Adair law, although occasionally we hear of aCommon Pleas Judge who has backbone enough to enforce the latter to its strictest interpretation.

In many of the towns of Northern Ohio the temperance movement is assuming a political complexion, and candidates for town offices to be filled April 6, have been nominated on the direct issue of temperance or anti-temperance. This political aspect has in a measure lessened the strength of the movement, and is bringing forth predicted fruit, namely: Division in the temperance ranks, and a scramble for the small places. However, a wholesome public sentiment against the unrestricted traffic in liquor is rapidly forming throughout the State, which will be the means of bringing out the license element at the next general election for State officers, and many shrewd persons predict that within the next two years a stringent license law will be enacted, which will partially do away with the curse against which the ladies here wage such heroic warfare.

The German element throughout the State has generally opposed the temperance movement since its commencement, and the German press has been exceedingly bitter in its denunciations of the crusade.

INTERESTING SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS THUS FAR ATTAINED.

The women's war on whisky, which, it is claimed, had its beginning and first substantial successes in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, has now been in progress nearly four months. The Dayton *Journal* of Monday gives an interesting statement of what has been done in Ohio, which we quote:

"The main practical results that have been accomplished," it says, "are the creation of a powerful public sentiment against bar-rooms and dissipation, and, as a consequence, a material reduction of consumption of liquors. Every county in Ohio has its Women's prayer leagues, and through their efforts some 300 bar-rooms have been closed; the open traffic in liquors has been, for the present at least, totally closed in some twenty or more towns, ranging in population from 6,000, (Greenville, in Darke county,) down to little hamlets of a dozen families; also in several counties. In some places the influence of the movement has been conspicuously demonstrated by the passage of ordinances totally prohibiting the sale of all kinds of liquors, the prosecution and severe punishment of persons who have violated the law, and especially by the refusal of the Ohio House of Representatives to modify the Adair law. While it is true that opposition to the movement has gained strength, it is also true that the crusade is stronger to-day than it has been at any previous period. The prayer leagues embrace a greater territory than ever before, are better organized, and are more resolute in their determination. They are meeting with success in smaller places, which encourages their belief that they will ultimately suppress the traffic in the interior of the State, but in large cities, like Dayton, Columbus, Toledo, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, they do not seem to accomplish anything beyond the creation of an influence adverse to the liquor traffic. This, of course, will ultimately make a progress, for it will affect political movements and thus influence the Legislature and the judiciary. The increasing tendency of juries to indict liquor-dealers for violating the law, and the disposition of courts to impose severe penalties upon conviction, illustrates the direction of popular sympathies. The movement has been stopped in only one place where is was begun—in Germantown, in this county, where it was spasmodic and timid from the beginning. The approaching elections will be apt to give the movement a check in some other places, the liquor men being united by common interest, while the prohibitionists, utterly without numerical force, will endeavor to make an exhibition of themselves in order to advertise their leaders, who cannot live happily without notoriety.

The crusade in Dayton has made no practical progress in the way of closing saloons. A few diminutive bar-rooms have shut up, but 304 continue to sell, although the general consumption of liquors by the dram has been reduced probably to the extent of $1,000 per week in the aggregate. A powerful temperance influence, however, has been created, and large numbers of men heretofore accustomed to patronizing the bars, disliking to be seen at saloons, have desisted from their former open habits. How many have shifted to private bottles cannot be surmised. The women continue their daily marches, visiting some of the saloons four or five times a day, and Wednesday night a band from the Third Street Presbyterian Church startled some of the bar-keepers by visitations as late as 10 o'clock. Saloon-keepers are very much exasperated, but they depart themselves like gentlemen, and almost unanimously receive the women courteously. It may be remarked that many establishments have excluded from their bars all liquors, excepting wine and malt liquors, which the law permit them to sell. But few believe that the crusade will very soon effect the closing of any considerable number of bar-rooms, and it is quite likely that if the ticket supported by the liquor-dealers succeeds at the election, the crusade will be very materially checked after the 6th of April.

The temperance movement, which begun in Cincinnati last week, produced such a popular commotion that the authorities interfered, and have practically driven the women back into the churches. The Board of Aldermen, composed of both anti-temperance and temperance men, unanimously advised the Mayor to interfere, which he did by addressing a kind but firm note to the crusaders, advising them that as their movement tended to disturb the peace, it would be his duty to interfere. It is intimated, however, that the women will brave the authorities in order to make a case for adjudication.

At Cleveland the vigorous interference of the authorities with the ruffians who assailed the women in the streets, seems to have suppressed the disorders which threatened to involve that city in a disastrous riot. It also checked the movements of the crusaders, who are not permitted to blockade the streets or crowd the bar-rooms without consent of the saloonist whose premises are invaded.

At Springfield, work has been going on nearly two months, and the traffic greatly reduced, but not half the saloons have been closed. The population is now distinctly divided between the crusaders and anti-crusaders, and the former party is constantly growing. The Spring elections are made up on the rugged issue of water or whisky. This is also the case at Xenia, but water has the best of it, by long odds. During the past week there were about 100 convictions for violating the law, many heavy fines, with costs assessed, and imprisonment prescribed. One man was fined about $600, and sentenced to eighty days in jail—one woman fined about $400, and sent to jail in default of payment. At Pomeroy, 211 indictments were found, and all who were convicted were find $100 each, with costs, and imprisonment in default of payment. The Grand Juries in many other places have found scores of indictments, and a large number of barrooms have thus been forced to close. The heaviest penalties have been inflicted for sales to minors—which everybody admits to be just. Zanesville is free from crusading, but is under the dangerous shadow of a prohibitory ordinance. Liquor-dealers will make desperate efforts to carry the Spring elections in order to repeal the ordinance and pass another to prohibit crusading. Mansfield has both a prohibitory ordinance and a praying league. The latter are therefore afflicted, but the proprietors hold out sternly. Prosecutions are severe there, also. Ashland is closed up. Gallion is pretty nearly reduced. At Youngstown, Akron, and Wooster the crusaders have met with such encouragement that they anticipate complete conquests by May Day. Portsmouth, Marietta, Gallipolis, and Ironton are combative points, with some conquests by the women, which are made more valuable to them by the creation of a strong temperance influence. Chillicothe women who struggled manfully against adverse influences several weeks before they could excite a vigorous spirit, are now resolutely at work, as are also Lancaster women, but neither have yet conquered a bar. The villages about all these places, however, have generally succumbed. At Hillsboro and Morrow the women have been camping about two saloons, in each place, for more than a month without making an impression, excepting to reduce their business. Circleville continues obstreperous, though several small bar-rooms have closed. London is obstinate on both sides, and is, in fact, the only place on the Little Miami Railroad from Cincinnati to Columbus where there is an open bar-room. All the other places have been crusaded into capitulation. But the bottle and brown jug is a visitor at most places. Every town and city from Cincinnati to Toledo, Sandusky, and Cleveland, on all the railroads, is harmonious with the vocal efforts of crusaders, but we do not know of one that has been conquered. Miamisburg, Troy, and Piqua bar-rooms, are afflicted with prohibitory ordinances, and being under the ban, are forced to shut up. Hamilton, which was so turbulent, has been reduced to decency, and the women sing unmolested, but so far as closing saloons is concerned, they might as well, apparently, sing at a locomotive whistle. Franklin's temperance ship holds out, but the heavy hand of the law has been laid op him. It is said that but three bar-rooms remain open in Warren County. The crusade is pretty well spread over Butler County. Preble County has not to exceed a half-dozen saloons. Darke County is undisturbed, excepting at Greenville, which is closed. There is a straight fight for the city Administration between whisky and water. If whisky wins, Greenville will reopen her saloons. Chances about even. No movement in Montgomery County outside of Dayton, Brookville, Miamisburg, and Centreville. One conquest at the latter point. Greenville County closed out, excepting a few saloons at Xenia and two at Osborn. Clark County subjugated, excepting Springfield. Champaign County pretty well closed out, excepting Urbana, where the conflict is stubborn. Logan County is subdued, excepting Rhodes at Bellefontaine, whose bar-room is surrounded day and night. Union County tectotally temperate. Miami, excepting Tippecanoe and Troy, pretty thoroughly conquered, Piqua only sus pended. All the other counties to the lake, on either side of the D. & M. Road are debatable ground, though Lima is worried by a prohibitory ordinance, and Kenton pretty well buckered out by the pertinacity of the women. At Wapakoneta an ordinance drove the women from the streets to the churches. Clinton and Fayette Counties are tectotalers, and Brown is well subdued, and but few saloons remain in Clermont. At Bucyrus, in defiance of the resolution of the Council requiring the Mayor to employ special Police to keep the women away from the saloons, they swarmed out in greater numbers, even sick women leaving their beds to show their spirit. Three bands were out on Saturday. The Mayor is said to have found almost insurmountable difficulty in getting special Police, public sentiment being so determinedly hostile to interference with the women. Van Wert also adopted the McConnellsville ordinance unanimously. Several bar-rooms admitted to be closed. Only one saloon, Taylor's, remains open at Oxford. The last saloon at Cadiz Junction surrendered on the 27th. At Upper Sandusky, on Saturday, while the crusaders were in front of John Clark's, his barkeeper, Walt Sulliger, appeared at the door with a double-barreled shot-gun, and ordered Mr. Grissell, a lawyer, who sympathized with the women, to leave. Mr. Grissell, saying the side-walk was public property, wrenched the gun from the hands of Sulliger, who ran, but was captured two miles from town, and held to bail for assault with intent to murder. At Crestline, on Saturday, Haviland, of the City Hotel, pledged and closed his bar, gladdening the women. At Darrtown, on the borders of Hamilton and Butler Counties, John King, the 'wickedest man,' surrendered Saturday, and now but one bar-room remains open."

WHAT A SHYSTER IS.

In the deposition of Mr. Thomas Dent, a prominent Chicago lawyer, taken in a suit by a St. Louis lawyer against the *Republican*, of St. Louis, for calling him a shyster, Mr. Dent says: "Shyster is a term of reproach applied to such lawyers, or persons assuming to be lawyers, as were supposed to resort mainly to the Police Courts and Magistrates' offices to secure the escape or acquittal, by sharp or law practice, of criminals or persons held under arrest. The first recollection I have of the word is that it was used in the Chicago *Democrat*, then under the editorial control of John Wentworth, of this city. Its application, when so used, was to decry and ban into disrepute such persons as, without the use of legal learning or professional ability, prevented the holding for trial or the conviction of persons accused of offenses either against the laws of the State or the city ordinances. The word has had a great ecurrency since the earliest use of it in the *Democrat* now within my recollection, but it has always been used as a term of reproach, and as indicating one whose practices were not only unprofessional, or at least degrading to the profession, but also disgraceful. The great occurrency of the word has left its application here mostly to persons frequenting the Police courts, &c."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE PROPOSED BOARD OF ARBITRATION FOR SETTLEMENT OF MERCANTILE DISPUTES.

Experience has taught the New-York Chamber of Commerce that the establishment of a Board of Arbitration for the settlement of mercantile disputes would be of great value to merchants generally, and a means of expediting business in a way satisfactory to all concerned. A bill to provide for the exercise of such legal powers, drawn up and presented by the Chamber, is now pending in the State Legislature. Looking back over the history of the Chamber, it appears that the subject of arbitration of mercantile disputes in some such way as is now proposed has been considered carefully. In 1839, a proposition was made by the Chamber to ask increased power from the Legislature, enabling the Chamber to establish a tribunal or Court of Commerce, with powers to determine all litigation between merchants, the trials to be by juries taken solely from the classes of merchants and traders, the juries to determine by bare majorities, and proof to be given in writing; the juries to be the judges both of the law and the facts. In May, 1851, a report and draft of a bill was considered by the Chamber "establishing a Court of Commerce in the City of New-York," the court to consist of a Judge and not less than two nor more than four Associate Judges, to be chosen by the Chamber from among its own members; to decide cases with or without juries, (also to be taken from members, as parties litigant may select;) to be a court of record, and to be maintained by costs on suit, if sufficient; if not, the balance to be paid by the Supervisors of the City from the common funds; it being stipulated that any excess of costs over expenses should be paid into the City Treasury. These propositions were never realised; but in 1861 legal powers were conferred upon the Chamber for arbitration of disputes. But few cases have ever come before the Chamber for settlement, owing to the fact that the provisions of the law have not been entirely satisfactory. In order to secure legislation that would give to merchants what they need, the Chamber, at a meeting held Jan. 10, 1874, memorialized the Legislature in favor of the passage of the bill now pending at Albany, which amends chapter 251 of the laws of 1861. The merits of the bill were fully discussed at the meeting, and a hearty approval of its provisions was expressed. The bill was first submitted to Gov. Dix, and on the 4th of February was introduced to the Assembly by Mr. Prince, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. The bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, reported favorably from said committee, and committed to the Committee of the Whole. The bill was then passed with the amendment that the yearly salary of $7,500 to be paid the arbitrator should be raised by the Chamber of Commerce, and not by the County of New-York. From the House the bill went to the Senate, and is now in the Judiciary Committee, to which it was regularly referred. The bill provides for the appointment by the Governor of an arbitrator, to hear and determine controversies, disputes or matters of differences upon mercantile and commercial subjects, the respective litigants being entitled to nominate and appoint in writing one person to sit with the Arbitrator to hear and determine the matter. In case litigants refuse or neglect to appoint associate arbitrators, they shall be deemed and held to have waived the the right to do, and the Arbitrator regularly appointed shall hear and determine the matter. The party or parties summoned to appear before the Chamber for arbitration will be required to appear in not less than two days nor more than five days after the personal service of the summons. Adjournments may be had upon reasonable cause shown. The award of the arbitrator or board, as provided for in the act, shall be binding and conclusive upon all parties thereto, and shall be, effect, and secure final settlement of the matter submitted under the provisions of the act for his or their decision and award, and shall be upheld and sustained in all the courts of the State; but the arbitrator provided for shall have power, for good cause shown, upon notice to and hearing the parties, to suspend and defer making the order for carrying out the provisions of the award, and to order that the cause be heard again before the same or other persons to be nominated and appointed as allowed by the act in the case of the first hearing. But the party applying for such rehearing shall stipulate to pay all the costs and expenses of the other party or parties incident to such rehearing, and shall give security therefor, and for the due performance of the award or order which shall be rendered against such applying party, or judgment which shall be entered thereon, in such amount and form as shall be approved by the arbitrator. Upon such rehearing, similar proceeding shall be had as in the case of the first hearing, and all the provisions of the act applying to the first hearing, the award, the order and the subsequent proceedings thereon, shall apply similarly in and to all cases of rehearing. On the first hearing it shall be lawful for all to attend either party. The Governor has the power to appoint and commission such person as may be elected by the Chamber to act as Arbitration Clerk, the chamber providing for salary and office. The duties of the Clerk will be to act in and construed to give any jurisdiction to the Chamber of Commerce to the arbitrator or board, except upon the voluntary submission and election of the parties in litigation. The other provisions of the act are in conformity.

It is understood that a favorable feeling for the passage of the bill exists in the Judiciary Committee. There is a great amount of irregular arbitration in mercantile matters done every year in this City, and the experience of the different Exchanges in referring relative disputes to the Boards of Arbitration of the respective associations, goes to prove that by such means expedition and satisfaction are almost always obtained. The Chamber of Commerce is of the opinion that the salary of the arbitrator should be paid by the County of New-York, but should the bill pass as amended by the Assembly, the Chamber has determined to have a fair trial of the workings of the proposed arbitration at its own expense.

THE FIRST BOAT OF THE SEASON.

The Galena (Ill.) *Gazette* is responsible for the following: "As the Gate City pulled up to the landing in this city on Sunday afternoon, the Superintendent of a certain Sabbath-school was wending his way in the direction of the church. Casting his eye along the wharf, he discovered a large crowd of men and boys, and sighed in his heart at the thought that several of his flock might be there, having been attracted by the arrival of the first boat of the season. On reaching the Sabbath-school, however, he was delighted to see both teachers and scholars in their accustomed seats, whereupon he acquitted himself of a congratulatory speech, announcing that he was proud to say that not even the first boat of the season had drawn away a single one of his flock. In the twinkling of an eye there was a general stampede for the door, and when that Sunday-school Superintendent arose from the floor, where he had been violently thrown by the retreating mass, and had collected his thoughts sufficiently to determine in his own mind whether he was himself or some one else, he cast his eyes about the room, and, through the partially-settled dust, he made the sad discovery that he was alone with several rows of empty benches. His scholars had remained in blissful ignorance of his own untimely fall he given them the cue."

A SAN FRANCISCO DUEL.

A San Francisco paper of March 22 says: "Edward Joyce and Harry Donohue, two bricklayers, met in the Lick House bar-room last night, at 11 o'clock, to make arrangements about a dogfight, but they were unable to come to terms, and some angry words were exchanged; after which Donohue placed the muzzle of a revolver in unpleasant proximity to Joyce's face. Joyce, not liking the appearance of the weapon, spoke kindly to Donohue and induced him to put it away. They then left the saloon, and when they reached New-Montgomery street, near Market, Donohue remarked to his companion, 'You are "heeled," Ned, and we might as well settle this thing right now.' 'I'd rather not,' replied Joyce. 'But you must,' said Donohue. 'Now, I'll give a fair fight; you stand behind that lamp-post, and I'll get behind this fence, and then we can blaze at each other. The two men then took up their positions, and each drew a navy revolver, and each made three attempts to fire at the other; but, most singular to relate, the six caps missed fire. Just then Officers Hogan and DeGroot came up and arrested Joyce, and locked him up for assault with intent to commit murder. Donohue ran away when he saw the officers approaching."

SHOP-LIFTER ARRESTED.

A jewelry thief was arrested in Providence on Saturday. He gave his name as Stephen Williams, and is about twenty-eight years old. He went into the store of W. E. Taber & Son early in the morning and inquired for gold chains. Mr. Taber showed him a tray of valuable chains, and one of them was transferred to the fellow's pocket so adroitly that Mr. Taber was uncertain whether he had taken one or not. Mr. Taber then turned to get a pair scales, to show his customer the weight of the chains, keeping one eye on his man, when he saw another chain disappear; this time he was certain. He then desired his uncle to close the front door of the shop, on the plea of the cold, whereupon the fellow said he would call in the evening and buy one of the chains, and started for the door. Mr. Taber started also to find the front end of the counter, taking on his way a little club, which hangs conveniently, and confronted the man, demanded the chains, which were immediately produced, without ceremony, and laid upon the show case. The fellow was perfectly cool, and offered terms of settlement, which were not accepted, but a clerk was sent for an officer, to whom the thief was delivered, and by him taken to the Central Station. The two chains were worth about $70.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—APRIL 1.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

200	Western Union	79⅞	1500	Lake Shore	80¼
700	do	80	700	do	80⅛
400	do	79⅞	300	do	80⅜
100	do	80	100	do	80⅜
900	do	79⅝	500	do	80⅜
1000	do	79⅝	100	do	80⅜
200	do	79⅝	400	do	79⅝
200	do	79⅞	300	Ohio & Miss	31⅝
200	do	79⅞	200	do	31⅞
600	Pacific Mail	48⅛	100	do	31⅝
100	do	48⅝	100	St. Paul	44⅞
100	do	48⅝	100	do	44⅝
200	do	48⅜	100	do	44¼
200	do	48⅜	300	do	44¼
200	do	48⅜	200	Rock Island	107
300	do	48⅜	100	do	107
600	Pacific Mail	48⅜	100	do	107
400	N. Y. C. & Hud	101⅛	100	do	106⅜
200	do	101⅜	900	Erie Railway	39
200	do	101⅜	600	do	38⅞
200	do	101	400	do	38⅝
100	do	101	100	do	38⅞
100	do	101⅛	100	do	38⅞
100	do	101⅛	100	do	38⅝
100	do	101⅛	100	do	38⅜
200	do	101⅛	100	do	38⅛
100	do	101⅛	100	do	38⅛
100	N. Y. C. & Hud	101¼	300	do	38⅛
100	do	101¼	100	do	38⅛
100	do	101¼	100	do	38⅛
100	do	101¼	100	do	38⅛
100	Pac. Mail	48⅜	800	do	38⅛
100	do	48⅜	1200	do	38⅛
100	do	48⅜	200	do	38⅛
100	do	48⅜	300	do	38⅛
100	do	48⅜	100	do	38⅛
100	do	48⅜	100	do	38⅛
100	do	48⅜	100

VIRGINIA.

THE RECENT DEFALCATIONS—FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE STATE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RICHMOND, Va., Friday, March 27, 1874.

Official dishonesty is epidemic just now in this country. We, of Virginia, have been thanking God that we are not as other people, and proudly claiming that we have been exempt from the official thefts that have afflicted communities both north and south of us—in South Carolina and New-York, for instance. But we have now to hang our heads and groan, for we find that our public officers are tarred, to some extent, with the same stick that has defiled others elsewhere. Yesterday in the City Hustings Court, William D. Coleman, late Secretary of the Board of Public Works, and of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, was convicted of larceny of State money and of forging a public record, his sentence being fixed by the jury at four years in the Penitentiary.

To-day the public has been agitated by an order of Gov. Kemper suspending the State Treasurer, Col. Joseph Mayo, Jr., and appointing one of the clerks of the department, Mr. Raleigh Colston, Treasurer *pro tem.* It is not known whether this is the result of investigations already made, or of investigations that it is preliminary to, or of his absence from the city. On Wednesday last, as Treasurer and one of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, he gave evidence at the Hustings Court in the trial of Coleman, since when he has not been seen in the city. Some say that he has gone to Baltimore to trace up certain State bonds that were sold there; others that they fear he has wandered off in a temporary aberration of mind, due to an excessive sensibility and the belief that he is suspected of being to some degree *participeps criminis* in the irregularities of the State Treasury; and still others attribute his departure to the worst of motives. I cannot believe the last hypothesis, for I know Col. Mayo, and do not doubt that he will be able to clear himself of all suspicion. But I give you the gossip arising out of his absence and the action of the Governor.

It is certain that the bonds of the State and the accounts relating to them have been kept for years in a very unsatisfactory and unsafe condition. This has been abundantly revealed in the investigation by the legislative committee, as well as by the evidence of the officers themselves in court. One of the counsel in the Coleman trial solemnly averred that never in all his life had he read or heard of a parallel to the careless and insecure manner in which the bonds of the State had been kept in the Treasury. No private person would be so careless of his shop-till or his pocket change, while here were hundreds of thousands of bonds—millions, perhaps—all in confusion, no proper account kept, nobody responsible, in a safe to which an indefinite number of persons had access at all hours of the day and night. Such confusion and negligence amount, of course, to grave official delinquency, but it seems that this condition of chaos has existed for a long series of years. It is said that it has been definitely discovered that at least $15,000 or $16,000 in bonds are gone; but there is really no telling at present. The General Assembly has appointed two committees to fully investigate the condition of the Treasury. The first one, after laboring several weeks, reported that it would not be able to complete the task during the session, as it would take several months. Accordingly, another committee was appointed, which will sit here after the adjournment of the Legislature, and report next session.

Gov. Kemper to-day sent to the General Assembly the memorial of the Council of Foreign Bondholders of London, and he accompanied it by a long message on the State finances. He says that the Funding bill of March, 1871, was a great surprise to the people, and has proved unsatisfactory to both creditors and debtors—the latter being too impoverished to bear the taxation necessary to pay the interest on the funded debt, while the former can get no more for their bonds, reduced to two-thirds their former volume, than they got when the State recognized the whole debt. After referring to the fact that creditors prefer certainty and punctuality in the payment of a small amount to uncertainty on a promise of a larger amount, he calls attention to the mixed and miscellaneous character of the debt of Virginia. He says:

"The principal sum of the debt to be assumed by the Funding act, the interest pledged upon which is now overdue, is $30,478,741 49, excluding the amount assigned for settlement with West Virginia. The evidences of this debt proper belong to many and multiplied classes, as follows:

1. Coupon bonds payable to bearer with coupons receivable in payment of taxes.
2. Coupon bonds payable to order with tax-paying coupons.
3. Registered bonds convertible into coupon bonds with tax-paying coupons.
4. Coupon bonds payable to bearer with coupons not receivable for taxes.
5. Registered bonds not convertible into tax-paying coupon bonds.
6. Sterling debt funded.
7. Sterling debt not funded.
8. Sterling bonds not required to be funded.
9. A confused mass of old and unfunded certificates of debt of large amount, issued under a long succession of Assembly acts at different times, in divers forms, and for various purposes, and divisible into many classes, but in respect to which important particulars cannot be stated, because they are nowhere to be found in the public offices; and, finally, two distinct classes of fractional certificates of debt. Not included in any of the foregoing classes are alleged unascertained liabilities incurred by the State as guarantor. These varied evidences of debt have different values. The best of them usually rate in our money markets at fifty cents on the dollar. Even to the most favored of the numerous classes of creditors the present arrangement is full of disadvantages and difficulties."

The reduction in the capacity of the State is shown. In 1860 the taxable property of every kind in the State was assessed at $639,204,191 65, while in 1873 it had fallen to $336,686,433 23. The products of the State have also fallen off commensurately. In 1860 the tobacco crop was 123,968,319 pounds; in 1870 the crop was only 37,086,364 pounds. The vast private indebtedness, loss of property, labor, territory, &c., are enumerated among the general causes of the impoverished condition of the Commonwealth.

Exclusive of Federal taxes on tobacco, &c., and taxes paid to corporations, the people of Virginia last year paid in State, county, and township taxes $4,639,483 90, on property assessed (as above) at $336,686,433 23. To pay full interest on the whole debt (two-thirds of the old debt) assumed by the Funding act would require the taxes to be raised to $5,964,425 77 annually, for the deficiency last year amounted to $1,324,941 87.

The Governor claims that, the facts being known of what Virginia has done and the circumstances under which she has done it, it ought more to be a matter of surprise that she has done so much than of complaint that she has not done more. Besides what has been enumerated as reducing her capacity, she has not increased her debt one dollar by temporary loans; she is beneath a burdensome and complicated Government, devised by the new Constitution, and she has established a general and costly system of free schools for white and black adults. Yet he says:

"The State credit is prostrate. The best bonds of Virginia rate lower in the Stock Exchange of London than those of Egypt, Turkey, and Peru, and our credit ranks in the grade of such countries as Mexico and San Domingo."

After lamenting this state of things and its evil effect upon the prosperity of Virginia, he says:

"It is believed that an understanding can be had with creditors by which we might guarantee with certainty the regular and punctual payment, in semi-annual installments and at convenient places, of two-thirds of the accruing interest for the present—giving proper certificates for the deferred interest, and providing for the payment of full interest, together with the arrearages on interest account, as soon as our steadily-increasing resources shall permit.

"Creditors assenting to the adjustment would be paid two-thirds of their tax-paying coupons punctually at maturity; they would be restrained by express stipulation as well as interest from resorting to the circuitous and expensive process of paying their coupons into the hands of the tax-collector, and a sufficiency of revenues in money for the support of the Government would be certainly and permanently assured to us.

In such adjustment it ought to be stipulated that all our outstanding obligations, included in the numerous and confused classes and grades before enumerated, should be made first-class debts of uniform terms and character. They are all equally just, and it is not reputable that we should favor any of them with special advantages or make any distinction between them. Many of the least-favored creditors are our own needy and worthy citizens, who have always been indulgent and liberal in their dealings with the Government.

It will be easy to secure the proposed payments upon interest, and to invest the new arrangement with absolute confidence and certainty, by the passage of a law embodying in it our stipulations with creditors, which would set apart specified and permanent taxes, to be dedicated to the public debt, and to be applied regularly and directly by the proper officers of the State in the payment of the interest as it shall fall due. I respectfully recommend the appointment of two Commissioners on behalf of the State, representing its best financial skill and experience, to be charged with the readjustment of the public indebtedness by conference with such agents as may be deputed by creditors to meet them."

He then adds:

"When the present financial panic shall pass away, it may be reasonably expected that the common Government, which received wealth and power from the munificence of Virginia in the past, will, at the least, aid us with the meagre justice of a loan of its bonds or credit to be used in securing and extinguishing the public debt."

The message is a full, fair, and clear presentation of the financial situation of Virginia, and will command attention and respect.

THE MANUFACTURE OF BANK NOTES.

The following is a copy of a petition recently presented to the House of Representatives:

Your petitioners respectfully represent that, in their opinion, it is of great importance that all of the issues of the Government should be so treated during the various processes of their manufacture as to secure them against possible danger of fraud, such as counterfeiting, altering, duplicating, or overissuing. That whereas, the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment, under date of March 3, 1869, reported and recommended as follows, viz.:

"The highest safety is to be attained by so conducting the work that no one or even two departments should have it in their power to finish any note, bond, or coupon, but that one part of the engraving on the securities should be printed by one establishment, and a succeeding part by another department, entirely distinct and separate from the first, and that the final process of sealing and signing should be done by still another distinct and separate department, and in the Treasury. By such methods, each under separate and distinct control, the nearest approach possible to security will be reached."

And whereas, this plan was approved and adopted in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances for the year 1869; and whereas, this plan has been dangerously departed from; now therefore, to prevent the possibility of fraud in the preparation of Government issues, and that the confidence of the public, both here and abroad, in their integrity may be strengthened and never impaired, your petitioners respectfully request that a law may be passed authorizing and requiring the Secretary of the Treasury, in the manufacture of all Government issues hereafter to be made, to conform to the plan recommended by the Joint Select Committee on Retrenchment aforesaid.

Wm. A. Booth, W. B. Vermilye, W. Butler Duncan, George Opdyke, W. B. Shattuck & Co., Turner Brothers, Howard Potter, Brown Brothers & Co., Jas. M. Brown, W. K. Kitchen, National Bank Republic, R. H. Lowry, President; Bank of New-York, by C. P. Leverich, President; the American Exchange National Bank, by Geo. S. Coe, President; the Merchants' National Bank, by J. D. Vermilye, President; Bank of America, by Wm. L. Jenkins, President; Charles Dennis, Vice President Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company; Bank of North America, by Wm. Dowd, President; Bank of the Manhattan Company, J. M. Morrison, President; Mechanics' National Bank, Benjamin B. Sherman, President; J. Pierpont Morgan, Drexel, Morgan & Co.; Metropolitan National Bank, by J. R. Williams, President; National Bank of Commerce, in New-York, by Robert Lenox Kennedy, President; Union National Bank, D. C. Hays, President; National Mechanics' Banking Association, F. Chandler; N. P. Palmer, President Leather Manufacturers' National Bank; United States Trust Company of New-York, John A. Stewart, President; E. D. Morgan & Co., Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New-York, by R. C. Hoiston, Pres dent; National City Bank, of New-York, B. Cartwright, Cashier; Marine National Bank, by J. D. Fish, President; Chemical National Bank, by J. Q. Jones, President; Wm. H. Macy, President Seamen's Bank for Savings; G. W. Duer, President National Bank of the State of New-York; John Parker, Cashier Phenix National Bank; the Importers' and Traders' National Bank, of New-York, by James Buell, President; J. L. Everitt, Cashier National Broadway Bank; the New-York Loan and Trust Company, by W. H. Foster, President; Greenleaf, Norris & Co.; Hanover National Bank, per Wm. H. Scott, President; Home Insurance Company, per J. F. Willmarth, Vice President; First National Bank, Geo. F. Baker, Cashier; Continental Insurance Company, Geo. T. Hope, President; Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New-York, F. S. Winston, President; Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, H. B. Hyde, Vice President; Wm. G. Lambert, No. 120 Broadway; Universal Life Insurance Company, Wm. Walker, President; New-York State Loan and Trust Company, H. A. Smythe, President; Edward King; Guardian Mutual Life Insurance Company, Andrew W. Gill, President; National Trust Company, D. R. Mangam, President; Tradesmen's National Bank, A. Halsey, Cashier; H. Wesendonck, President Germania Life Insurance Company; Security Bank, by Chas. A. Colby, Vice President; Morris Franklin, President New-York Life Insurance Company; W. H. Palmer, President Tenth National Bank; Chas. Bard, President Continental National Bank; H. W. Belcher, Vice President Chatham National Bank; R. A. Walton, Secretary Citizens' Insurance Company, New-York; J. W. McLean, Manhattan Life Insurance Company, Henry Stokes, President; Mannattan Savings Institution, Henry Stokes, Vice President; J. S. Kennedy & Co.; John S. Kennedy & Co., Agents; Wells, Fargo & Co.; John C. Jisco & Son, No. 59 Wall street; Howland & Aspinwall, No. 54 South street; Grinnell Minturn, No. 78 South street; Thos. Monahan, President Fulton National Bank; the Market National Bank, R. Bayles, President; Musgrave & Co., No. 19 Broad street; B. G. Stebbins & Son, No. 50 Exchange place; Fabbri & Chauncey, No. 43 South street; Roosevelt & Son, No. 94 Maiden lane; C. H. P. Babcock, No. 52 Broadway; J. J. Stuart & Co., No. 33 Nassau street; Joseph Stuart, Vice President Fourth National Bank; National Shoe and Leather Bank, A. V. stout, President; People's Bank, C. F. Hunter, President; H. B. Claflin & Co.; E. S. Jaffray & Co.; Dry Goods Bank, Wm. P. Brintnall, President; Atlantic Central National Bank, Wm. Bryce, President; Robert Strong & Co.; A. A. Low & Bros., No. 31 Barling slip; Cooper, Hewitt & Co., No. 17 Burling slip; L. Von Hoffmann & Co., No. 50 Wall street; August Belmont & Co.; S. T. Brown.

NEW-YORK, March, 1874.

THE COLORED MEN OF ALABAMA.

The Equal Rights Association of Alabama has published an address to the colored people of the State, from which we quote the following: "We earnestly deprecate the idea of a white or black man's Government, regarding such as greatly detrimental to the interest of the Commonwealth, and which, if sought to be established, would entail untold misery and curses upon its citizens, and be attended with such scenes of bloodshed and violence as would shock humanity and cause the world to stand aghast. In this connection, we would urge upon you to observe the same discretion and precaution in your future course of conduct as you have in the past."

The Democratic Executive Committee, in their address to the people, charge us with having brought about the present depressed and embarrassed state of affairs; that through corruption, misrule, and fraud we have reduced the people to starvation and want; that we are seeking to establish negro supremacy in order to effect their oppression by burdensome and unjust taxation; that we have elevated corrupt and selfish men to positions of profit and trust; that we are opposed to the interest and prosperity of the State, and that the result of the present Government, if continued, will be to bankrupt the State and sink it into irretrievable ruin—all of which is charged to our recklessness and incompetency. While we know that these statements are absolutely false, and cannot be supported by even the least semblance of truth, yet we regard an open vindication of our character and integrity as essential under existing circumstances, and therefore call upon you to express, through your representatives, in convention, the just indignation that you evidently must feel."

POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN KENTUCKY.

The Kentucky Democratic State Committee have issued a circular in regard to judicial and Congressional nominations, in the course of which they say: "In all cases in which it may be necessary to make nominations for office, the delegate convention system is urged in preference to primary elections, and the Central Committee enjoin upon all the cultivation of a spirit of harmony and ready acquiescence in the action of their several committees and conventions as the only means of securing unity of action throughout the State, and ultimate victory over antagonists prompt to avail themselves of any discord arising in our ranks."

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* comments upon the circular as follows: "Conventions are an evil, but they are often a necessary evil. They should not be resorted to in the districts unless absolutely necessary in order to prevent the election of a Radical. They are more or less subject to bad influences, and it is often the case, particularly in district or local elections, that the most worthy aspirants are defeated by the hostility of petty cliques and cross-road politicians who pull the wires in such gatherings. It is therefore desirable that the people be as unframmeled as possible, and decide upon the merits of candidates at the polls. In those districts which are so largely Democratic as to preclude the probability of the election of an opposition candidate, it is hoped no convention will be held, and that the people will select the ablest and best men among them for the positions which are to be filled. The growing hostility to local conventions should admonish the Democracy in different sections of the State to pursue this policy. If they want to avoid bolting and division they will act on the suggestion and avoid giving a pretext for such dissension. They will resort to conventions only when they are absolutely necessary. It must be admitted that these caucuses often degenerate into mobs and defeat the will of the majority instead of promoting it. The State Central Committee has therefore wisely suggested that conventions be held only 'in cases in which they may be necessary.'"

DEATH FROM ANGINA PECTORIS.

It is a somewhat singular coincidence that Dr. Alfred Hitchcock died at his residence in Fitchburg, Mass., on Monday night, of *angina pectoris*, with which disease he was first attacked but little more than a week ago. Dr. Hitchcock, who was about sixty years of age, was eminent as a physician and a surgeon, and as such was greatly esteemed and respected by medical men generally. He was one of the committee of physicians who attended the autopsy on the body of Charles Sumner, who died of the disease to which Dr. Hitchcock fell a victim a few weeks later, fell a victim. Dr. Hitchcock had figured quite extensively in Massachusetts politics, having been a member of both branches of the Legislature, and for several years one of the Executive Council.

DECADENCE OF NEW-ORLEANS.

One of the oldest merchants in New-Orleans, in a recent letter to a correspondent in Boston, says the population of New-Orleans has fallen off in two years 30,000, and there are no less than 5,000 houses and stores at present unoccupied. Fifteen years ago New-Orleans was at the acme of its wealth, prosperity and commercial importance, second only to New-York and Boston. The river and ocean tonnage in port, loading and discharging, was seldom less than 150,000 tons, and in the busist season of the year double that amount.

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PROPOSALS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Sealed proposals will be received by the School Trustees of the Twentieth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until MONDAY, April 13, 1874, and until 4:30 o'clock P. M., on said day, for the erection of a new brick school-house on the south side of 128th st., between 6th and 7th avs. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand st., third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from each successful bidder. Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting."

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

DAVID H. KNAPP,
JOSEPH P. FALLON,
LAWSON P. FULLER,
ANDREW J. GERARD,
GRANVILLE P. HAWS,
Board of School Trustees, Twentieth Ward.

Dated NEW-YORK, March 20, 1874.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING GAS.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Department of Public Works until SATURDAY, April 11, 1874, at 1 o'clock P. M., for furnishing illuminating Gas for illuminating certain public buildings, structures, and offices from April 15, 1874, to Dec. 31, 1874.

For full information see the *City Record*. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

PROPOSALS FOR ROOFING TOMPKINS MARKET.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Department of Public Works until SATURDAY, April 11, 1874, at 1 o'clock P. M., for furnishing the material and roofing Tompkins Market.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court of the United States, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Southern District of Alabama.—DANIEL N. STANTON, FRANCIS B. LOOMIS and JOHN C. STANTON, Trustees of the Florida Mortgage, and others, complainants, against THE ALABAMA AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, and others, defendants.—In Equity.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, by decree of said Court, made in pursuance of the order of said Honorable Court, bearing date the 23d day of January, A. D. 1874, appointed a Special Master Commissioner in the above entitled cause, to report to the court systematically and in detail, the matters and things hereinafter stated.

First—The necessary expenses incident to the execution and preservation of the trust created by the first mortgage on the property of said Railroad Company, including compensation to the Trustees and to the receivers heretofore appointed by order of said honorable court; legal counsel and compensation or allowance for counsel for professional services in this cause; reasonable compensation to such solicitors and attorneys as said Receivers may have properly employed in any matter connected with the discharge of their duties; all legal and necessary expenses lawfully and properly incurred under authority of any court in relation to said property yet remaining unpaid, and all other attorney's fees for any of the parties to this suit.

Second—The taxes, charges, assessments, and liens which may exist on said mortgaged property, or any part thereof prior in law to said first mortgage, or that amount of money, if any, is necessary to perfect the title to the right of way or to any other property included in said mortgage, all liabilities incurred or advances made by the said Receivers; the claims created by the issue of certificates by said Receivers under authority of said court, the amount of money loaned or advanced thereon for the purposes directed by the order of said court when held under hypothecation, with interest thereon, and such other indebtedness created by said Receivers proper to be regarded as a claim on said mortgaged property.

Fourth—The amount of bonds issued by said Railroad Company and indorsed by the State of Georgia, and the amount due thereon. And all the various reports of the present or late Receivers in this cause have been referred to the undersigned for examination.

Now all persons interested in the matters hereinbefore stated, will take notice that in obedience to the decree of said honorable court, and for the performance of the duties therein directed to be performed, I will attend at the United States Court-room, in the City of Mobile, on and from the 19th to the 23d day of March, 1874.

At Meridian, Miss., on and from the 24th to the 26th day of March, 1874; in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the offices of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad, on and from the 30th day of March to the 4th day of April, 1874; in the City of New-York, at the St. Nicholas Hotel on and from the 9th to the 15th day of April, 1874; in Montgomery, Ala., at the United States Court-room, on and from the 21st to the 24th day of April, 1874; and again in Mobile, on the 27th day of April, 1874, to the 30th day of April, 1874, for the purposes of said reference, when and where all persons interested in the matters and things referred to me by said decree for examination and report, can, in person or by attorney, attend before me and make presentation of their claims and demands, and furnish such evidence and make such proof establishing the same as may be necessary and proper.

JOSEPH W. BURKE,
Special Master Commissioner.

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LOST.—PASS-BOOK NO. 89,331, ISSUED BY THE Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks. The finder will please return it to the bank. No. 20 Union place.

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RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

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FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, April 4, 2 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, April 11, 1 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, April 18, 2 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, April 25, 1 P. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN, $70, $80, and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.

STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Havre, Antwerp, or Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $30, currency.

Passengers are forwarded to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.

Drafts issued at low rates.

For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.

For Steerage Passage, at No. 33 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

O'DONNELL & FAULK, No. 402 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.

M. B. CREAGH, No. 102 State st., Boston.

F. C. BROWN, No. 32 South Clark st., corner Lake st., Chicago.

WM. INMAN, Liverpool, and No. 9 Rue Scribe, Paris.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this Line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK.		FROM NEW-YORK.	
Java, Wednesday,	April 1	China, Saturday,	April 25
Cuba, Wednesday,	April 8	Calabria, Wed'day,	April 29
Abyssinia, Wed'y,	April 15	Batavia, Saturday,	May 2
Parthia, Saturday,	April 18	*Scotia, Wednesday,	May 6
*Russia, Wed'day,	April 22	Algeria, Saturday,	May 9

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.

* Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.

Rates of passage—Cabin, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage, $30, currency. Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown, and all parts of Europe, at lowest rates. For freight and cabin passage apply at the company's office, 4 Bowling Green, for steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

ANCHOR LINE.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

STEAMER EVERY ALTERNATE DAY.

Tuesday steamers proceed via Londonderry.
Thursday steamers proceed via Queenstown.
Saturday steamers proceed direct to Glasgow.

From company's piers, 20 and 21 North River, N. Y.

Caledonia, Sat.....April 4 | Rivaia, Tuesday....April 14
Victoria, Tuesday..April 7 | India, Saturday....April 18
Olympia, Thurs....April 9 | Bolivia, Tuesday...April 21
Macedonia, Sat.....April 11 | Trinacria, Thurs...April 23

RATES OF PASSAGE—PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, LONDONDERRY, QUEENSTOWN OR BELFAST.

Cabin, $65 to $90, according to steamer and accommodations. Return tickets issued at reduced rates. Intermediate, $35. Steerage, $30.

Drafts issued for any amount at lowest rates.

Send for circulars, giving further information, to Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling Green.

HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

These splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent, (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

AMERIQUE.....Roussau.....Saturday....April 4
EUROPE.....Lemaire.....Saturday....April 18
ST. LAURENT.....Lachesnel.....Saturday....May 2
PEREIRE.....Surmont.....Saturday, May 16

PRICE OF PASSAGE (GOLD, including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE:

First Cabin, $125.....Second Cabin, $75.

Superior accommodations for a few steerage passengers at $55.

Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

American travelers going to, or returning from the Continent, or Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.

GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

NOTE.—In June and thereafter, the departures will be on Thursday of every week.

STEAMER AMERIQUE, FOR BREST AND Havre, will leave Pier No. 50 North River, foot of Morton st., on SATURDAY, April 4, at 7 o'clock. Passengers are requested to be on board at 6 o'clock.

GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.

Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.

CELTIC.....SATURDAY, April 4, at 3 P. M.
ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, April 11, 12:30 P. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, April 18, 7 A. M.
OCEANIC.....SATURDAY, April 25, 12:30 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.

Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining

SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.

Saloon, State-rooms, Smoking-room and Bath-rooms in MIDSHIP section, where motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.

Rates—Saloon, $80, gold; return tickets, $140, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from the old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $32, currency.

Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, to Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.

Drafts from £1 upward.

For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.

R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

STATE LINE.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

These elegant new Clyde-built steamers will sail from Pier No. 36 North River as follows:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.....SATURDAY, April 4
STATE OF GEORGIA.....SATURDAY, April 18

And every alternate Saturday thereafter, taking passengers at through rates to all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany. Drafts for £1 and upward. For freight or passage apply to AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents.
No. 72 Broadway.

Steerage office, No. 45 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—This Company takes the risk of insurance (up to $500,000 in gold) on each of its steamers, thus giving passengers the best possible guarantee for safety and avoidance of danger at sea.

The most southerly route has *always* been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.

From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.

TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Greece, Sat., Apr. 11, 12 M. | Spain, Wed., Apr. 29, 12 M.
Italy...Sat., Apr. 18, 3 P. M. | The Queen, Sat., May 2, 3 PM

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

HOLLAND, Simpson.....Wednesday, April 8, at 8 A. M.

Cabin passage, $70 and $80, currency. Steerage, $29, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

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BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA. First-class full-powered English-built iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 12 North River.

For HAYTI, CURACOA, VENEZUELA,